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Home-based businesses spring up

Flexibility, downsizing and cutting back on commute hours are among the attractions

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — About five years ago, Ann Lehman got fed up with her two-hour commute to San Francisco and wanted to spend more time with her son.

So she and her husband took a dilapidated shed in their back yard, upgraded its utilities, installed some windows and transformed it into an office.

Lehman said the consulting firm to non-profit organizations she runs with her husband is just one of many home-based businesses springing up in her neighborhood.

"I definitely think it's a trend," Lehman said, "and El Cerrito is kind of a hot spot for it."

The number of home businesses in El Cerrito has ballooned in the last five years, said El Cerrito economic analyst Betsy Morris.

And the trend appears to be national. Last August, the Census Bureau reported that nearly 4.2 million people worked from home in 2000, up from 3.4 million in 1990.

The 23 percent increase was double the growth in the overall work force during the decade. Nationally, 53 percent of small businesses are home-based, according to the United States Small Business Administration office of advocacy.

In El Cerrito, nearly 300 home-based businesses were established since 2000, said Morris, while the city recorded 127 in the 1990s and just 35 in the 1980s. The number of home businesses is about a third of all businesses in the city.

Lehman credited the statistical spike in part to the city's effort to track down errant business license fees two years ago.

But there's no doubt more people are starting businesses at home in the Bay Area, said Jeff Hall, a management consultant and instructor with the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center.

Micro-businesses — those employing 10 employees or less — are the hottest growth

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EL CERRITO Mayor Sandi Potter gives a state-of-the-city address Tuesday at Mira Vista Country Club.

Mayor touts development momentum

■ Mayor says in address that getting a new city hall is El Cerrito's top priority

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Buoyed by a revitalized El Cerrito Plaza shopping center, the city is looking forward to development at the Del Norte BART station, renovated and rebuilt schools and a new city hall.

Those were among the remarks Mayor Sandi Potter made at an El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce luncheon earlier this week. The state of the city address touched on finances, development, improvements, and council priorities.

The state, she said, continues to raid local coffers, making it challenging to continue programs while paying increasing salaries and medical benefits to city employees.

Fortunately, she said, voters

approved the utility users tax in November, which provides 12 percent of the general fund.

"The City Council," she said, "will continue to look at ways to increase our revenues and maintain the reserves we've built up."

The council will also look at replacing dilapidated trailers at San Pablo and Manila avenues with a new city hall. It's the council's No. 1 priority for the next fiscal year.

The trailers were considered temporary when built in the 1980s to replace El Cerrito's seismically unsafe city hall.

"The trailers are now in extremely poor condition," she said.

Increasing the landscape and lighting tax is also a high priority.

"Things always get more expensive with time," Potter said, adding that the tax has not been increased since the 1980s.

The city has completed or is

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Plans staying on path for Bay Trail

A project to link the portion between Gilman and Buchanan streets is getting closer to reality

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Plans are moving forward to link the San Francisco Bay Trail between Gilman and Buchanan streets, prompting members of the city's waterfront committee to seek better pedestrian and bicycle access to the waterfront.

"Most people are under the impression that as long as the track is there, there's not going to be a Bay Trail," said waterfront committee member Susan Moffat. "And that's absolutely not true."

The ultimate goal of the Bay Trail project is to create a 400-mile network of bicycle and pedestrian trails around the bay, linking 47 cities. Some 240 miles have been completed.

The planning of the trail is overseen by the Association of



STEVE GRANHOLM of the Waterfront Committee talks about the trail and the role of wildlife and the mudflat.

Bay Area Governments, though construction of each portion of the trail is up to the individual cities in which they're located, Moffat said.

The Albany portion is "really the only gap now between the Richmond Marina and the Emeryville Marina in the Bay Trail," said trail project manager Laura Thompson. "That's why

it's important."

The trail in Albany would link the Bay Trail at Buchanan Street north of Golden Gate Fields to Gilman Street south of the track. Bicyclists and pedestrians would walk on what is now a parking lot on the northwest side of the track, south over a hill called Fleming Point, to Gilman Street in Berkeley.

MEETING

The Albany Waterfront Committee will discuss the Albany Bay Trail connection and the committee's recent walking tour of the waterfront at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 7 meeting, said Nicole Narver, the city's environmental resources associate. Committee meetings are held at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5760.

One of the challenges of creating the alignment is meeting federal requirements for the disabled around Fleming Point, said Nancy Wenninger, the land acquisition manager for the East Bay Regional Park district.

Finding a solution to that problem will begin this summer, Wenninger said, though no concrete timeline for building the trail has been set.

In part to help the parks district with its planning, Moffat and waterfront committee member

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Council drops most proposed changes to economic board

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Members of the city's economic development board will continue to meet monthly with a seat reserved for the president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce board while volunteers to all city commissions will continue to serve four year terms.

The City Council on Monday informally voted 3-1 against the recommendation of a subcommittee to place the economic board on call, remove a requirement that a seat be reserved for the chamber president, and reduce all terms from four years to two. Mayor Sandi Potter dissented; Councilwoman Jan Bridges was absent.

The subcommittee was comprised of Potter and Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson.

"Obviously we didn't agree

with everything the subcommittee said," said Councilman Bill Jones. "That doesn't mean they were not well-thought-out for the interests of the community."

Potter said the recommendations were meant to build bridges between the commission and the council, make the commissions more productive and improve the use of city staff time that goes into overseeing them.

With regard to the chamber president being a member of the economic development board, Potter said all chamber members could apply for a slot.

Councilwoman Letitia Moore said the chamber president has a leadership role needed on the economic board. And it is important for the city to have a tie to the chamber, she said.

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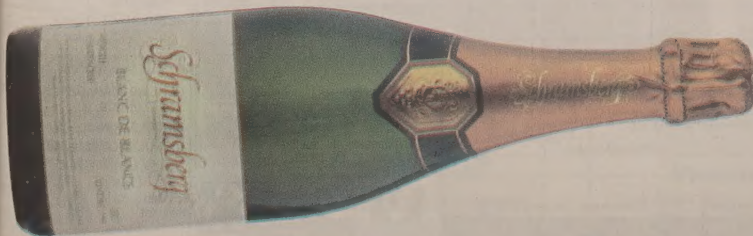
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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Street sweep program set for September

The city will install about 1,000 signs to prevent street parking as part of a new monthly street sweeping program. Currently, the city sweeps streets as much as three times a year to help clean the water flowing into storm drains. The new program is intended to improve water cleanliness and cost-effectiveness, said community development director Ann Chaney.

The City Council unanimously approved the new program at its March 21 meeting. It's hoped the program will begin by next September. "If we can do it sooner, certainly we will," Chaney said.

Planting party set for April 9

A planting party at the Ordway Street and Posen Avenue traffic circle will be held Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to plant evergreen and perennial plants or shrubs that are hardy and drought resistant. A list of recommended plants can be found online at www.albanyca.org.

Participants should bring shovels, hats, and gloves to the event. For more information call Cherry Chaicham at 510-528-5759.

Spring Fair to be held at Cornell Elementary

The Albany Spring Fair will be held at Cornell Elementary School from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Always a highlight of the event, the Easter Bunny will be arriving at 10 a.m. on an Albany Fire Department engine. The bunny will give away chocolate eggs and hugs and will pose for pictures with kids. Games and prizes, arts and crafts, face painting and refreshment booths — including sno-cones — will all be available. Puppet shows will begin at 10:30 and 11 a.m.

Admission is free; tickets for other activities will be on sale at the fair. Proceeds help support Albany Preschool, a parent cooperative, founded in 1937. Cornell Elementary School is at 920 Talbot Ave., between Solano Avenue and Marin Avenue. The Albany Spring Fair is sponsored by Albany Preschool and the City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department, and supported by donations from businesses and service organizations.

School's theater club to perform

Albany High School's only self-supporting club, Theater Ensemble, will perform the critically acclaimed plays "Benefactors" and "Wit," April 7-9 and April 14-16 in the Little Theater.

Admission is \$10 adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are sold at the door, night or afternoon of the show only. For times and more details, call 510-558-2500 ext. 2579.

Sing-alongs held every Wednesday

Come to the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., for sing-alongs, every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5 p.m., beginning April 6. Old favorites and new songs will be explored in the event led by Dale Allen Boland. Boland leads campfire classics, sweet and silly rounds, and musical games from around the world. She earned a bachelor in fine arts degree in theater at Tulane University and Orff-Schulwerk certification in music and movement education at Mills College. The mother of four, Boland also is an actress, singer, birthday party entertainer, parent support group leader and music teacher.

This weekly event is free, drop-in and for all ages. No registration is required. It will be held in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library. Details: 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

El Cerrito

Earth Day clean-up set for April 16

The city's annual Earth Day clean-up will be held Saturday, April 16 starting at 9 a.m. Locations include the Ohlone Greenway near the BART stations, and schools and parks. A barbecue lunch will be held at noon at the community center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Volunteers can sign up by calling City Councilwoman Janet Abelson at 510-525-7709.

Author to talk on science, spirituality

El Cerrito author Ross Tobia will read and sign copies of his book "Grand Unified Theory, Physics for a New Age" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at the Albany library, 1247 Marin Ave. Tobia is a research analyst at UC Berkeley and has a master's degree in psychology research. In his book, he examines the connections between science and spirituality. For more information go online at www.rosstobia.com.

Taste of El Cerrito set for May 22

The first annual Taste of El Cerrito will be held Sunday, May 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the community center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The event will include live music and entertainment, a silent auction and food from such businesses as Fatapple's, Strings Italian Cafe and Trader Joe's.

To become a sponsor or to donate to the silent auction, call the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce at 510-233-7040 or e-mail sewall@elcerritochamber.org.

Annual egg hunt set for March 26

The city's annual egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m., at Arlington Park, rain or shine. Details: 510-559-7005.

Puppets in the Park slated for April 30

"Puppets in the Park" will be presented by the Berkeley Hills Nursery School on April 30 at the newly renovated Arlington Park on Arlington Boulevard in El Cerrito.

The fifth annual Puppets in the Park event will feature the Caterpillar Puppets in the interactive "Itty Bitty Variety Show." A raffle, a bake sale of savory and sweet items and face-painting are also on the program. Times and details: 510-525-0325.

Kensington

National Library Week celebration set

The Kensington Library will celebrate National Library Week with a storytelling performance portraying Hans Christian Andersen presented by storyteller and artist Randel McGee. The event will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the library, 61 Arlington Ave. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. For more information, call 510-524-3043.

Richmond

Group to discuss Jewish spirituality

Learn about Jewish spirituality, Jewish ethics and Jewish community at "A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" on April 10 and 17. The group will discuss God, the Torah, Israel and more, and will look at the Torah scroll up close.

Free, but pre-registration is required. For details call 510-839-2900 ext. 347 or email dawn@jfed.org.

— Alan Lopez, Deborah Byrd

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, March 15

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — An employee at the Safeway Store in the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that subjects had been harassing employees and then tampering with vehicles in the parking lot. Officers arrested a 17-year-old girl for being a minor in possession of alcohol and drug possession and a 15-year-old boy for being a minor in possession of alcohol. They were cited and released to their mother's with notices to appear.

Wednesday, March 16

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At about 2 a.m. officers responded to the 900 block of Ordway Street on reports of a small fire in a 1970 Chevrolet pickup. The arrested 36-year-old Berkeley man for drug possession and for driving with a suspended license. He was transported to the Berkeley Jail.

Thursday, March 17

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — At about 2:30 p.m. a resident in the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that about five minutes prior a man had just stolen a gray mountain type bike. The thief was last seen riding south on Talbot Avenue and then west on Gilman Street.

■ **VANDALISM** — A Kensington woman reported that vandals had scratched her black BMW the previous night and smeared excrement on it while it was parked in a lot in the 800 block of Kains Avenue. She reported that this had happened before. Officers are investigating.

■ **WALLET STOLEN** — A Berkeley woman reported that thieves stolen her wallet from a classroom at Cornell School in the 900 block of Talbot Avenue.

■ **BURGLARY** — Officers arrested a 23-year-old San Pablo woman at the Target Store in the 1000 block of Eastshore for burglary. She was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **CAUSING A DISTURBANCE** — A resident in the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that a neighbor keeps coming to her residence and she wanted him to stop. When she called the 48-year-old Albany man was on her porch. Officers arrested the man for an outstanding Oakland warrant for DUI and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **DUI** — At about 8:30 p.m. officers responded to the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of someone driving recklessly in a parking lot. Officers arrested the 32-year-old Berkeley man for DUI. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

Friday, March 18

■ **PETTY THEFT** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to the Safeway Store in the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a group of people who had stole beer and they were able to identify the subjects. Officers arrested a 33-year-old Berkeley man for petty theft. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — During the night thieves took items out of an unlocked brown Honda parked in the 1100 block of Curtis Street.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a red Honda parked in the 1200 block of Marin Av-

enue. The owner reported that a few days prior he had lost his keys and suspected that may have been how the vehicle was taken.

■ **TRESPASSING** — Officers contacted a subject at the USDA in the 800 block of Buchanan Street who was acting suspiciously. They arrested the 31-year-old transient man for vehicle tampering and trespassing. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, March 19

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a red 1988 Honda Civic parked in the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard.

■ **INTRUDER** — A resident living above a business in the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man had found her hidden key and entered her apartment about 5 minutes prior.

Sunday, March 20

■ **THREATS, ARREST** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to the 700 block of Madison Street when a resident requested they remove a man from his home who was threatening him. Officers arrested the 55-year-old Berkeley man for threatening with a weapon and verbal threats. He was found to have an outstanding BART warrant and was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident in the 1400 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that during the night vandals had egged and scratched his black 1993 Chevrolet pickup.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident in the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue re-

ported that over the weekend he broke into her silver 1981 Honda Civic and stole items from the car.

■ **HOUSE RANSACKED** — Officers ransacked a vacant home in the 1300 block of Ramona Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black Honda Civic in the 500 block of Pierce Street and stole items from the car.

■ **TIRES SLASHED** — Officers slashed all four tires of a black Mitsubishi Galant parked in the 1300 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Monday, March 21

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a black Toyota pickup parked in the 1300 block of Solano Avenue.

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole his white Acura was parked in the 700 block of Solano Avenue.

Summary

During the week of March 14 through March 20, 2005, the following crimes were reported: 4 vehicles, 1 motorcycle, 1 bicycle, 1 boat, 1 dangerous animals, 1 assault, 1 person who were locked out of car and responded to 1 barking dogs. In the domestic violence officers responded to 10 calls, 1 retrieve personal property, 11 disturbances and 164 child molestations. Officers stopped 67 vehicles on 117 citations, 22 citations and 45 firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and eight medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Sunday, March 13

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A Toyota Tacoma on the 700 block of Elm Street was ransacked between 11 p.m. on March 13 and 6 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, March 15

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 1991 Toyota Camry, reported stolen in Fairfield, was recovered on the 1900 block of Junction Avenue at 8:40 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 1989 Acura Legend, reported stolen in San Francisco on Dec. 30, was recovered

on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — Electronic equipment and jewelry were taken from a home on the 7500 block of Stockton Avenue between 1:30 and 6:15 p.m.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — Property was taken from a home on the 5900 block of Barrett Avenue sometime between 8 a.m. and 8:40 p.m. A bedroom window was broken to gain entry to the home.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A tote bag was taken from a vehicle at El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 4:50 and 5

p.m. A window was smashed.

Saturday, March 19

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1991 Nissan 240Z, reported stolen in Union City on March 14, was found on the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Sunday, March 20

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 1991 Honda Accord, reported stolen in San Francisco on March 18, was recovered on the 6100 block of Cypress Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN, RECOVERED** — A 1990 Toyota Camry station wagon was taken from the 6000

block of Potrero Avenue between p.m. on March 20 and 8:45 a.m. next day. Richmond police located the vehicle.

Monday, March 21

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Property was taken from a home in the 2500 block of Tassajara Avenue sometime between 6 a.m. and p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — In about 16 years old stole property from a 1989 Toyota Camry on 1000 block of Richmond St. 3:35 p.m. The boys attempted to steal the car but fled after being confronted by a neighbor.

Dealership mechanics catch two robbers

By Karl Fischer

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Mechanics from a San Pablo Avenue auto dealership helped catch two teenagers who robbed a pedestrian of her backpack, police said Wednesday.

The victim was near the corner of San Pablo and Knott avenues about 4 p.m. Tuesday when the suspects pulled off her backpack and ran away, El Cerrito police Cpl. Don Horgan said. Workers at El Cerrito Honda saw the robbery and chased the boys for several blocks while other employees called police.

Police caught up with the suspects and their pursuers near the corner of South 52nd Street and Portola Avenue.

A 14- and a 15-year-old were arrested on suspicion of strong-arm robbery, Horgan said, and police are looking for a second 14-year-old.

The arrested suspects were released to their parents. Police found the victim's backpack on San Pablo Avenue.

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Dollar Tree seeks to open in ex-Pep Boys

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A Dollar Tree store wants to open in a former Pep Boys building at 11555 San Pablo Ave.

The city's design review board approved the project at its March 16 meeting and it will go before the planning commission April

6. If approved, the 21,865-square-foot store is expected to open by this summer, said El Cerrito planning manager Jennifer Carman. Dollar Tree sells food, health and beauty items, household chemicals and more, with nothing costing more than \$1, according to its Web site.

In February, the design review

board approved a plan to build 50,807-square-foot Orchardly Hardware, with a square-foot garden center, vacant Homelife furniture store at San Pablo Avenue and Eastshore Boulevard. The located just south of State Dollar Tree, will likely open in April or May, Carman said.

Albany High Jazz to perform at festival next month

Albany High Jazz will perform next month at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival. The band was selected from a nationwide pool of jazz bands and will perform during the high school part of the festival, which begins at 9 a.m. April 9 in the Monterey Conference Center.

The 12 selected high school bands will play all day, and Saturday evening, three finalists will play.

The Albany jazz band joins 10 California bands (including the perennial Berkeley High Band)

and one from Utah and Oregon in the performance.

This year's graduating class includes eight musicians who have been playing together since middle school — in addition, three of them are in this year's

SFJAZZ All Star High School ensemble, and one has been a member of the California State Jazz Band for two years.

For details on the festival, visit montereyjazzfestival.org.

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In defense of integrity of Judge Stanley Golde

LAST WEEK, former Alameda County prosecutor John Quatman raised eyebrows in local legal circles when he claimed he colluded with the late Judge Stanley Golde, who died in 1998, to exclude Jews and African American women from juries in death penalty cases.

The claim is being investigated, and I don't know anything about it beyond what I read in the newspapers. But I did know Judge Golde; and since he isn't here to defend his reputation, I'll do it for him.

After he died, I talked with more than a dozen lawyers — some who won in his courtroom, others who lost — plus his fellow judges. I couldn't find anyone with a bad word to say about him.

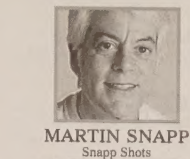
"He was the most knowledgeable judge in the state in capital punishment cases," said U.S. District Judge Lowell Jensen, a friend since their law student days at Boalt Hall. "The toughest of cases, you channeled to Stanley Golde."

This was partly because Golde was such a learned legal scholar, but it was also due to his great compassion. "He had the rare ability to feel both the victim's pain and the defendant's despair," said Jensen.

He also had the uncanny ability to protect the defendant's rights and pursue the ends of justice at the same time. In many cases these two goals come in conflict, but not in Golde's court, a tribute to what several of his peers described as his "superb judicial temperament."

"I never, ever saw him lord it over a defendant," said defense attorney Lincoln Mintz. "He never forgot that he came from the tenements of St. Louis, and as a Jew he was fortunate to get where he was."

Golde was a surrogate father to many lawyers who appeared in his court. In the middle drawer of his desk he kept a Jeweler's loop, which he'd whip out whenever the value of a piece of jewelry was at issue in a case. (He was an expert appraiser ever since his childhood working in his father's jewelry store.) More than one attorney who went to him for advice on their love life also got expert help in picking out an engage-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

ment ring.

But he never let his friendships compromise his objectivity. "There was never even a hint that you'd get special treatment from Judge Golde just because Stan Golde was your friend," said Jensen.

He also had a great sense of humor. One time, he was presiding over a murder trial when the defendant pretended to vomit while evidence of his crimes was being introduced. Golde stopped the trial, sent the jury into another room, and said to the defendant, "Young man, let me tell you something. For 10 years, I've been trying to get a new carpet for this courtroom, and last week they finally installed it. If you're found guilty in this case, you'll be sentenced according to the law. But if you throw up on my new carpet, you'll find out what real trouble is!"

Golde came from an earlier, more informal era; and there were times later in his career when he was admonished for his casual style, including offhand remarks to the jury and holding conversations with one side without the other side being present. But nobody ever questioned his integrity.

And his accuser has credibility problems of his own. In 1992 one of Quatman's convictions was overturned by Judge Alfred Delucchi (the same one who presided over the Scott Peterson trial), who accused him of making "unsavory deals" with witnesses. Two years earlier, the Court of Appeals reprimanded him for "outrageous conduct" in using "a deliberate and unjustified ethnic slur" against the defendant.

The truth in this case will come out when the investigation is concluded. In the meantime, let's not rush to condemn a judge who left behind a lifetime of integrity, fairness and decency.

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Neighbors

FACES & PLACES



HARDING ELEMENTARY School fifth- and sixth-grade students, from left, Hadley Blangy, Ilieya Cooper, Carlos Ocasibar, Kali James and Kevin Smith display a larger-than-life-size check displaying the amount of money that the school has raised for the American Red Cross tsunami relief effort.

Poets dinner honors local entrants

Maggie Morley of Kensington and John Rowe of Albany were among the winners at the 79th annual Poets' Dinner contest March 12, held at Spenger's Restaurant.

At the dinner, winning poems submitted anonymously were read aloud. Morley won third place, Poet's Choice, for "Portrait of the Artist." Rowe won second honorable mention, Spaces & Places, for "Opened Once More" and first honorable mention, Beginnings & Endings, for "A Season." Poet and playwright James Keller addressed the group at the dinner. "Like the poets of old ... he reached back over the

centuries to tell a rapt audience of 150 about Homer's 'Iliad,' which he called 'the greatest book ever written,' writes Dorothy Benson of the dinner committee. The theme of Keller's talk was "Why Read the Classics?" — a theme he carried out by noting the depiction of violence through the ages in works by Homer, Shakespeare and Milton among others.

The Madera Elementary School Spring Auction — the PTA's biggest fund-raiser of the year — promises a lively night of bidding on items including meals at restaurants, gift cards to local retail shops, golf packages and passes to kid-friendly activities. It all happens on April 16 at the El Cerrito Veteran's Hall beginning at 6 p.m. For more information — or to donate auction items, call 510-235-6580.

Dedicated volunteers catalog high school's past

THE EL CERRITO High School archiving program is growing apace, Joann Steck-Bayat reports. "People are coming out of the woodwork to offer items to us."

Even as we met at the Junket for this interview, she was stopped by a woman offering her some of the pins the school used to give to athletes, student-body officials, etc. Steck-Bayat says they have received many of those pins, and are planning to pin them on a large square of canvas that will be framed and hung on a "History Wall" in the new building.

The program started two years ago, when parent Lu Tipping mentioned to the principal that since the building was coming down, they should try to save things from the days of the original building. Tipping and Steck-Bayat, who had been historian for the PTA and was used to handling large projects, took it on.

They have "treasure hunts" every Saturday, going through the items received during the week. About 10 people turn up to do research, clean items and pack them. West County schools board member Charles Ramsey and his daughter come to work every Saturday.

My daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Sandi Maack, also are involved in the project. They're devoted collectors who have brought in the Richmond Museum of History for advice on cataloging, research and care of archived items.

The archivists have pho-



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

tographed and numbered 300 items so far. The items will be stored in a temperature-controlled space until the new school is open.

Among the items collected so far are the "Spirit Mug," engraved with 20 years of game stats in the football rivalry between Berkeley High and El Cerrito, from the 1950s and

'60s. There also is a plaque listing the El Cerrito students who died in the Korean War. There is a picture of the Japanese student who was sent to an internment camp in 1942, and pictures of Maria Remenyi, who was Miss USA in 1963 and Miss America in 1967, another who became a clothing designer in New York, the names of more than 20 athletes who went on to play professional sports and a plaque listing the names of forensic team members.

They have found one of about 62 special oak bentwood chairs, and a time capsule from 1956, into which water had seeped and ruined everything.

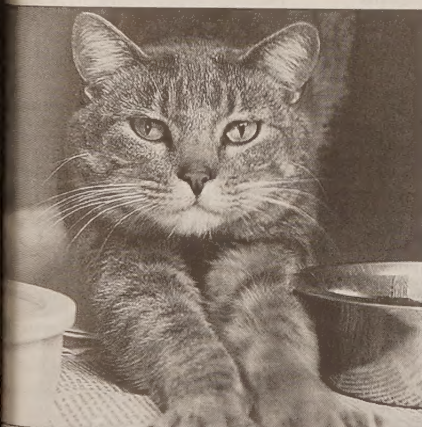
However, students from that era have been helping them list what was in it.

Farewell Week will be May 13-16 — "When the Wrecking Ball Hit the Wall" — with a dinner in the cafeteria, a parade with classic cars and "alums vs. high schoolers" athletic event, and tours of the school.

For more information on the El Cerrito High archiving project, call Joann Steck-Bayat at 510-524-9464.

Tips on people who are doing interesting things in Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington? Let Clara-Rae Genser know at 510-525-4585 or crgenser@aol.com.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

is a female domestic shorthair cat, 3 years old. Workers at Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, where she may be available for adoption, say the grey tabby is sweet and social, with a lot of personality. She seems to enjoy the company of other cats.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Dogs: Female hound mix, 3 yrs, male dachshund-Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; female Labrador retriever, 2 years; female shepherd mix, 1-2 years; female dachshund, 1 year; female Labrador retriever mix, 10 months; male pitbull mix, 9 months; Labrador retriever mix, male and female (six puppies), 8 weeks.

Cats: Female shorthair black and white, 8 years; female long-haired black and white, 8 years; female shorthair dilute calico, 7 yrs; female longhair black, 7 yrs; female shorthair dilute tortoiseshell, 4 years; female short-haired calico, 4 years; female short-haired tabby, 3 years; female brown mix, 3 years; male orange tabby, 2 years; shorthair brown tabby, 2 yrs; female shorthair tortoiseshell, 1 year; female shorthair tabby, 9 months.

Rabbits: Female Chinchilla brown agouti, 2 years; female English spot, black and white, 3 years.

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs

\$125 — including spaying neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



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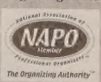
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

A long-overdue bill

A LOT OF AMERICANS probably have no idea that there is such a thing as "information brokers" who gather sensitive personal information about them without their permission, then sell it to virtually anyone willing to pay. The very idea is offensive to most people. But to make matters worse, the companies that collect the data have been sloppy with how they handle it.

More than 140,000 people nationwide — 30,000 in California — found that out the hard way last month when ChoicePoint, an Atlanta-based company, revealed that thieves had gained access to its records. This included Social Security numbers and driver's license numbers.

The thieves did not hack into the ChoicePoint computer system. Their scam was actually quite bush league. They pretended to be companies who needed the information for legitimate business purposes.

A ChoicePoint supervisor became suspicious when one of the alleged thieves listed a Copymat as his office address. But by then, the ring had already collected thousands of unsuspecting individuals' Social Security numbers. A number of them have since reported unauthorized debt rung up under their names.

ChoicePoint learned of the theft back in October, but it waited four months to notify the victims. One reason the company finally came clean is a California law passed in 2003 — the only one of its kind in the country — that requires companies to notify individuals when their personal information has been acquired by unauthorized parties through a security breach.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein has introduced legislation in Congress that would set a national standard for restricting unauthorized access to so-called "breeder documents."

The Feinstein bill would prohibit the sale or display of Social Security numbers and regulate their use by government agencies. It also would be against the law to post an individual's Social Security number on the Internet. Consumers would have to give permission before companies could share such personal information. Finally, businesses and government agencies would be required to notify individuals when it appears that a hacker has obtained their encrypted personal data.

The Feinstein bill is a positive step in fighting identity fraud, which has become the No. 1 crime reported to the Federal Trade Commission. In 2004, 9.3 million Americans had their identities stolen, according to the latest survey by the Better Business Bureau. Identity theft costs businesses and financial institutions more than \$50 billion annually.

Predictably, data collection companies and the businesses that rely on the personal information they provide to market their products oppose the stricter measures.

They argue that a lot of the information collected is for legitimate purposes. For example, an increasing number of companies rely on data-collection firms such as ChoicePoint to run background checks on potential employees. In this case, however, ChoicePoint failed to conduct the most basic of background checks, one of the primary services it offers its real clients.

Consumers are entitled to a basic level of privacy in our lives and transactions. The national legislation proposed by Feinstein is long overdue.

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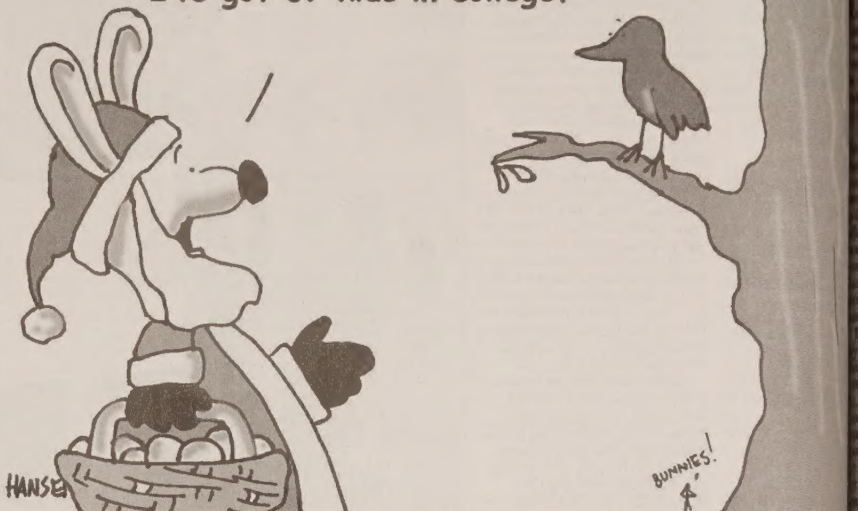
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HAPPY EASTER

I had to get a second job as Santa.
I've got 37 kids in college.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demand real freedoms

I would like to see more investigations and coverage regarding how news is disseminated by the current White House administration.

The media should demand real freedom of the press, which fundamentally includes the right to real journalists covering the White House and being free to ask real questions.

Frances Malamud-Roam
El Cerrito

Response to letter

I'm responding to Norman La Force's recent letter.

I've been general manager of Golden Gate Fields for 25 years. In 68 years, this track has generated revenue for Albany and contributed to numerous charitable causes.

We've opened our beautiful property so people may walk their dogs, ride their bikes and teach their kids to drive in our parking lot. It's with this sense of community and partnership that we enter into discussions with Albany residents about how to improve public access to the land and shoreline and create new open space, while generating revenue for Albany.

Here are some facts:
Golden Gate Fields isn't closing. In fact, we've been investing to improve our facilities. We've spent more than \$1 million in the last several years renovating the grandstands and built a state-of-the-art medical facility for the horses.

The statement that a "600,000- to 800,000-square-foot" development is planned is false. There's no plan yet. That's why we're out in the community, meeting with organizations and individuals to ask what people want in a new project on our property. We welcome ideas and concerns from Albany residents.

A Journal story said development plans "provoked strong opposition" from Albany's City Council and Chamber of Commerce. In truth, the Albany chamber passed a resolution supporting thoughtful, community-minded development at the track.

We at Golden Gate Fields agree our property's a great resource and plans should be carefully considered, well done, and beneficial to Albany residents by creating a wide range of opportunities to enjoy the waterfront.

We're all in this together. The right balance between development and open space is our goal. Our actions are guided not only by what's good for business, but equally by what's good for Albany.

Peter Tunney
General Manager
Golden Gate Fields

Protect retirement security

The governor's proposal to overhaul the pensions millions of California's public employees depend on for a secure retirement is bad news for working people and taxpayers throughout California.

Currently, CALPERS guarantees public employees a pension and the choice to contribute to a 401k plan.

Schwarzenegger proposes making it illegal to provide traditional pensions to new employees, leaving them with only risky 401k-type plans. Given that some 401k plans lost as much as 40 percent in the recent stock market crash, it's clear that investing all of one's retirement sav-

ings in a 401k is a risk working people should not be forced to take.

And when investments go sour and workers' retirement savings go belly up, it's taxpayers who will be forced to foot the bill. So who wins if working families and taxpayers lose? The big winners will be the Wall Street brokers who will reap billions in fees and commissions.

CALPERS currently provides what all working people have a right to expect: a secure retirement. Instead of working to destroy retirement security for millions of working people in California, the governor should strive to ensure every working person in California has the retirement security the current CALPERS system guarantees.

Michael Marchant
Albany

A positive trend

I thank the West Contra Costa school district board and staff members for retaining next year's elementary instrumental music program.

Many may know that a small group of parents and teachers, in partnership with the Ed Fund, has been raising money and lobbying hard for the music program. Our group, Band Education and Training, will continue to raise money so the Ed Fund can provide additional financial support for music, but the pressure to fund the entire program has been lifted.

Our publicly funded West Contra Costa school district music programs distinguish us from neighboring school districts. Let's work hard to make sure we continue this positive trend in providing excellent public education.

Diane Egelston
Kensington

Egelston is the president of Band Education and Training.

Support equality

In his civil rights message, President Kennedy stated "The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."

On March 14, Judge Richard Kramer ruled that barring marriage between same-sex couples is unconstitutional and tradition couldn't be relied on as a reason to deny equal protection. So where do we go from here and what kind of California do we want to live in?

Our state is strongest and our com-

munity is kindest when we acknowledge our freedoms are bound together.

Judge Kramer's ruling is a step in the right direction but the legal process takes time. If you believe in equality, support it now by contacting California legislators to enact AB19, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act.

Pamela Brown
Kensington

Concerned about Bush

I am deeply concerned about the being proposed by the Bush administration to many of our social programs.

I have made my home in Albany 20 years. Albany has had one of the emergency services response times in the Bay Area. Cutbacks to the city's programs could result in greater loss of life and property, deepening the economic burden to the survivors of such events to the community, as a whole.

Cutbacks in educational grants and support for job training will place a huge burden on parents to fund their children's education and/or job training. Families already financially stressed will find themselves without the means to support their children in pursuing a higher education, creating a ripple effect of joblessness and underemployment.

The long-term effect of all of these cuts will result in lowering the overall buying power of the state populace. Although lower taxes may initially be seen as a boon to business, in the long run they will come back to haunt them.

Kathy Dadd
Albany

Social Security

I am outraged that Republicans want to privatize Social Security.

Privatization means trillions of dollars of new national debt. Because current Social Security taxes are used to pay for the Social Security program, the privatization means huge deficit — as high as \$15 trillion over the next 40 years.

Carmen Pao
El Cerrito

Cover federal budget

The Bush administration intends to push through the new federal budget quickly, before the media can fully report on its weaknesses.

But this proposed budget needs plenty of news coverage: benefits for the elderly, cuts for the poor and aged, cuts in education and health care.

The huge deficit we face has nothing to do with the above programs. They are a tiny percentage of the budget. As the Congressional Budget Office says, the deficit comes from tax breaks for the wealthy (which the president wants to make permanent) and the tremendous expense of waging war.

Americans need to hear what's happening and get their letters written to Congress now, before the administration puts its "spin" on it and convinces us it isn't as bad as it is.

Mary Schaefer
El Cerrito

Every narrative counts

Quote of the week:
"We are convinced that books for children can assist in the quest for the peace and social justice in our world. We wish for children everywhere to be able to know the power of story and feel its transformative effect in their lives. We see good books as vital elements in creating a just society."

— From Beverly Vaughn's "Welcome to our Seventh Reading the World" (2005).

RECENTLY ATTENDED the "Reading the World" conference at the University of San Francisco. The subtitle for this event was: "A Conference Celebrating Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults," and that is really a perfect description.

There were two days of workshops, book signings and conversations, and it was much more than I anticipated. As I read the introduction to the program, I could see the influence of the social justice awareness aspect of this year's conference — what Barbara

Black calls "a community which encourages the exchange of various views and perspectives." I appreciate this approach to this kind of discussion and I certainly heard some strong opinions being expressed. For example, at one point, one of the speakers, poet and anthologist Richard Adoff, made a comment about a publication. Someone in the audience objected, shouting "No!" But Adoff simply repeated his own remark, and then added with a smile, "It's the first time I've heard the word 'no.'"

Other speakers included author Nancy Garden, whose numerous writings include "Annie on My Mind," which became the subject of a First Amendment lawsuit; Nikki Grimes, a poet, singer and writer, who wrote such books as the Coretta Scott King Author Award-winner "Brother Masquerade," and Patricia McKissack, who has won numerous awards for her books about the African-American experience. Suzanne Fisher Staples, author of "Shabanu"; Katharine Lu McConn, author of "Thousand Pieces of Gold"; and writers F. Isabel Campoy, Jaime Adora, Alma Flor Ada, and Ibtisam Barakat also spoke. Barakat, who is described in



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

the program as "an award-winning Palestinian-American writer, poet, educator," was part of an onstage conversation with Suzanne Fisher Staples. During that conversation, she talked about being a young child in Palestine, and then being forced to leave her home and find refuge in Jordan. As she was telling her poignant and moving story, she stopped and commented that she was telling her own story, but no one's story should erase another's. Instead, she explained, they should stand side-by-side.

I loved this comment. It seems to me that if all of us were able to tell our stories without feeling like we are competing with each other, the world could be a more peaceful and accepting place to live.

Nikki Grimes made a related comment when she talked about having multicultural reading materials at schools that are predominantly one group, such as white or African-American. "One of the purposes of artists or writers," she said, "is to show the viewer or the reader that we are all alike beneath the skin."

Ruthann Lum McCunn spoke to us about using books to give a feeling and depth to events that may be unknown to the reader.

"You can be taken out of your world into another time and place and still feel the feelings," she explained. She also emphasized the importance of telling everyone's story — if you don't, she said, it is the same as a misstatement.

It was inspiring to hear these writers talk about their commitment to create literature for all children, and I am glad I went. I came away with an expanded appreciation for the power of children's literature and the writers who create it.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Create a paper character at Albany Library with local award-winning author Elisa Kleven, 2-4 p.m. on April 2. Children and adults are invited to make their own paper characters, stories and settings, using art materials of all kinds. The library will supply the materials to create an imaginary world with paper, glue and scissors.

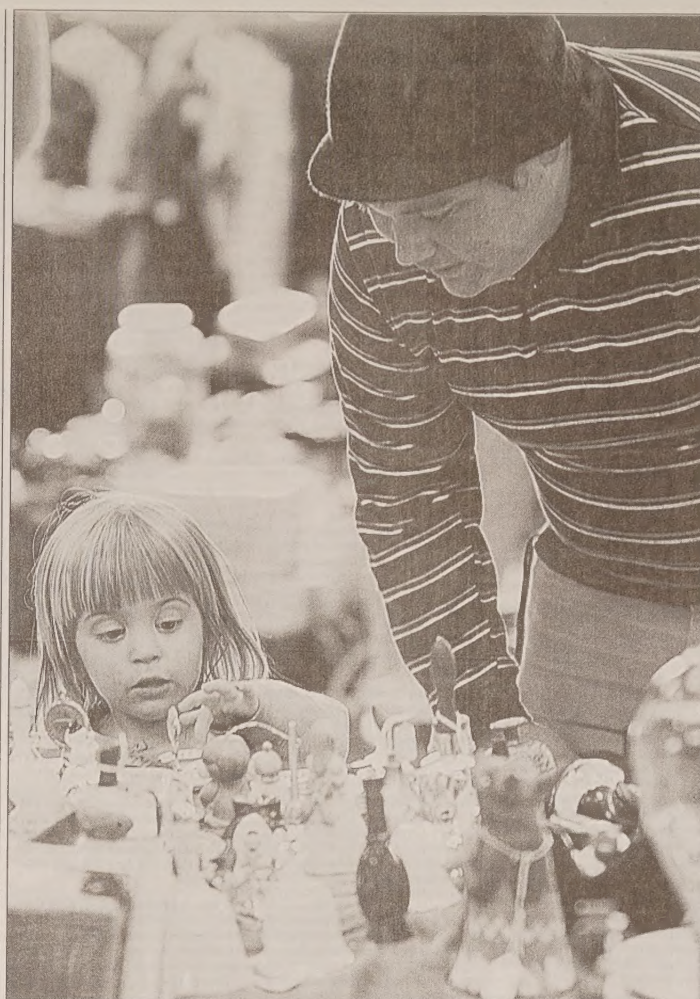
Kleven has written and/or illustrated more than 20 books for children, including the popular "The Paper Princess," "The Puddle Pail" and "The Lion and the Little Red Bird" among others. Her collage illustrations in her stories celebrate creativity and imagination, and have garnered numerous awards.

The First Thursdays poetry reading at the library features Grace Marie Grafton, from 7 p.m. on April 7. There's also an open mic.

Grafton teaches with the Contra Costa Poets in the Schools program. Her chapbook, "Zero," from the Poetic Matrix Press and her poems have been twice nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Her other work includes "Book," Visiting Sisters (OralPoetry) and new poems in a series of publications, including "The River Poetry Review," "The Pinyon and poetry," and "The Pinyon and poetry."

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. For details on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

— Susan Urquhart-Brown, au-



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Treasure city

MADISON KORZ, 2, inspects porcelain bells under the watchful eye of Miriam Abelson at the El Cerrito Trash to Treasures flea market. Dozens of vendors sold their treasures to eager shoppers, who braved the rain to look for a bargain at the El Cerrito Community Center on March 19.

ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

Albany High School

Job Shadow Day was a success, with 148 students participating. All but about 20 met with their mentors on March 16. Those who remain will shadow mentors at a later date. All but one of the remaining students have been placed with mentors. The Job Shadow Committee is looking for an architect to spend a few hours to share knowledge and experience with this single remaining student. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Peggy Schmidt at 510-237-7166.

Volunteer protocols are needed for the Chemathon/Bioathon/Physathon at Albany High School on April 2. During this day-long event, students from all over California will take exams to test their science knowledge. AHS parents and guardians who would like to volunteer should contact Leah Worster, at yashachan@gmail.com.

The Teacher Treats Committee (Sheryl Black, Barbara Cooper, and Virginia McKone) expresses appreciation for everyone who took time out from March Madness to contribute treats. The following people let the committee know they were bringing in treats: Bob Menzinger, Sheryl Black, Jan Wholey, Margaret Michel, Theresa Bertero, Valerie Fuller, Sou Hyun Kim, Glenda Reid, Sandy Lewis, Peg Healy, Lorraine Lerman, Ina Ippolito, Theresa Rasmussen, Vicki Chin, Karen McKown, Hai-Yen Sung, and Virginia McKone. Apologies go to those who brought in treats and aren't listed — like the person who brought in the delicious oatmeal cookies and whose name was misplaced.

For AHS current events, go to the AHS PTA calendar: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/albanyhighpta>. To post events for the calendar or if you have questions for the AHS PTA, send a message to: albanyhighpta@yahoo.com.

To receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by email, contact Linda Okamoto at

topm@earthlink.net

Albany Middle School

Albany High School counselors will visit eighth-grade classes on April 5, to talk about ninth-grade course selections. Parents of eighth-graders are invited to attend a meeting from 7-8:15 p.m. on either April 5 or April 6, at the AHS gym.

The eighth-grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. June 15 in the Albany High School gym. The last day of school for all students is June 16. Eighth-graders will go to Marine World that day, leaving at 9 a.m. and returning no later than 4 p.m.

Congratulations to George Shan, Elise Cai, Kristy Yang and Jonathan Shi, who participated in the state Mathcounts March 12 finals at UC Davis. AMS is on a minimum day schedule today, March 25, with dismissal at 12:30 p.m. School resumes Monday, April 4. Daylight-saving starts Sunday, April 3, time to set clocks ahead one hour.

March 25: Minimum day — dismissal at 12:30

Marin Elementary School

Again this year, the state is funding summer school only for first-through fifth-grade students who are not meeting grade level standards in reading, language arts, and math. After spring break, applications will be sent to those students. Summer school will be held at Cornell School from June 20 through July 15.

The PTA's first annual Picante dinner is scheduled for May 14. The owner of Picante will prepare and deliver a meal to be served family style on the

Marin campus.

March 28-April 3: Spring Break, no school

April 14: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or emailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and albany94@yahoo.com. The Ocean View e-tree is accessible with an email to OceanView-subscribe@yahoo.com.

AUSD

Spring break is March 28-April 1. April 5: Regular School Board meeting, Cornell School, 7 p.m.

Got items? Contact Bob Menzinger two weeks in advance at 510-528-2077 or megabob@pacbell.net.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

El Cerrito High T-shirts are selling fast. They're available at Pastime Hardware and El Cerrito Lighting as well as in the office at the high school. Information: 510-215-8174 gakone@earthlink.net

Tickets are on sale for the El Cerrito High School Casino Night fund-raiser. To be held Casino Night is from 7-11 p.m. April 9 at the El Cerrito Community Center. Proceeds will go to support student recognition awards, the Gaucho Coral newsletter, Grad Night, the Principal's Fund, and special projects for the new campus. Last year, 175 Gaucho parents and friends attended Casino Night and raised \$20,000 for ECHS. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served and professional casino staff will run the games and provide instructions to beginners. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening, and there will be live music, and a no-host beer and wine bar. Suggested donation for tickets is \$20 each or \$35 for two in advance or \$25 per person/\$40 a pair at the door. Admission includes play money for gambling (no real money is used!) and a drink coupon. Adults only. To order tickets or for more details call 510-524-9468.

Portola Middle School

March 26: Portola Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, and Latin Ensemble at the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival.

March 28-April 1: spring recess

April 6: Chevy's Night Fund-raiser at Chevy's in Emeryville. Support the music program, have a great dinner, and hear our own Jazz Combo and Latin Ensemble perform.

Madera Elementary School

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and contribute to a worthy cause at the Madera Elementary Spring Auction, April 16 at El Cerrito's Veterans Hall (on Stockton). The lively night of bidding begins at 6 p.m. on items such as meals at fine restaurants, gift cards to local retail shops, golf packages, and passes to kid-friendly educational and entertainment establishments. This is Madera PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Recently, funds have helped support the library, arts and music programs. For more details or to donate an auction item, contact Becky McDermitt at 510-235-6580.

There will be a reunion for past Madera students at 2 p.m. June 4 at Arlington Park, El Cerrito. Organizers are putting together a database of ex-Madera students interested in attending the gathering. Details: 510-237-1623 or 707-399-7049. Teachers have been invited and some are planning to attend. Parents are invited. Pass this on to other Madera alumni with whom you are still in contact.

West school schools

This year's Ed Fund Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet is at 5 p.m. on May 14 at the Richmond Auditorium. Since this is the first time the banquet will be on a Saturday night, organizers are getting the date out early. In addition to a silent auction, this year there is a live auction — some of the items include a long weekend in Tahoe and a theater-and-dining extravaganza in Berkeley. The six teachers and distinguished citizen to be honored this year have not been chosen yet. For more information, e-mail Susan Wittenberg, executive director at edfundwest@sbcglobal.net or cburkh6233@comcast.net (Cate Burkhardt), or call 233-1464.

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Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents: Kevin Griffin, Alisa Peres perform songs from traditional folk to Latin America **April 2**. — Bonnie Lockhart performs songs & music games **April 9**. — Gayle Schmidt & the Toodala Ramblers perform front porch bluegrass, old-time songs **April 16**. — Betsy Rose performs songs honoring Earth **April 23**. — Orange Sherbet, Jill Pierce & Tamsen Flynn perform songs about dinosaurs and dump trucks **April 30**. — Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children; unless otherwise noted. Details: call 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Children's Fairland** presents puppet show "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in our Ears" at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. through **April 7** (during days park is open) at 699 Bellevue Ave. Inspired by African folklore, show features a lengthy cast of animal characters. Free with admission. Details: go to www.fairland.org or call 510-452-2259.

■ **Habitot Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., presents: Early Childhood Safety Campaign Kickoff: Helmet Safety Day is **April 8**. All day: Toddler helmets that meet all CPSC, ASTM, and ANSI standards on sale. Toddler helmet fitting is 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in museum; helmet decorating is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in art studio. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. Details: call 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitot.org.

■ Kathryn Roszak's popular **Children's Dance Program at Ashkenaz** starts at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays through **April 27** at 1317 San Pablo Ave. Creative Movement class for three-to-five-year olds is at 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., Beginning Ballet for six-to-eight-year olds is at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ms. Roszak, a Berkeley native, danced with San Francisco Opera Ballet and specializes in teaching dance, creativity and fun to kids. Details: call 510-233-5550.

■ **Target Corporation** presents a **Play Date** at 12 - 5 p.m. on **May 1** for parents to enjoy a discounted matinee at **Berkeley Repertory's** Rota Theatre, 2015 Addison St., while their kids enjoy five hours of supervised activities at Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way. Event includes 2 p.m. matinee of "Peoples Temple". Fee: \$20 per child to YMCA, and a discounted ticket rate to Berkeley Rep. of \$25. Less than cost of a babysitter, plus 45 percent off regular ticket price. Details: call 510-647-2949 or go to www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, presents Exploratorium sampler exhibit showing through **May 1**. Many favorite hands-on exhibits. — "Alien Earths" exhibit shows through **May 8**. — Admission \$4.50-\$8.50. Details: go to www.lawrencehallscience.com or call 510-642-5132.

■ **Boy Scout meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: call Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**, 1414 Walnut St. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: call 510-848-0237.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cct.org.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4371.

Community

■ **Kol Hadash Shabbat/Purim Celebration** and Pot Luck Dinner is 6-9 p.m. **March 25** at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Kol Hadash is the Bay area's only Jewish Humanistic congregation. Details: call 510-428-1492 or email info@kolhadash.org.

■ **Truitt and White** present free seminar "Best Practices for Window Installations - New Construction" 9-11 a.m. **March 26** at 1817 Second St. Registration required; call 510-649-2674 or go to www.truittandwhite.com.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents this pet adoption event: Cats at 12-3 p.m. **March 26** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. Details: go to www.hopalong.org or call 510-267-1915.

■ **Hillside Community Church** invites neighbors & friends to its Easter Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. **March 27** at 1422 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Immediately following service is an Easter Egg Hunt for kids and a potluck fellowship meal. Main dish will be provided; please come with a side dish or dessert. Everyone welcome, childcare provided. Details: 510-235-3646.

■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. on **March 28, April 4**. Details: go to <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/creeks/>.

■ **Ecology Center** presents National Nurturing Month events at Berkeley Farmers' Market, Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way: Cooking demonstrations with "Eat In Season" theme at 3:30 & 4:30 p.m. **March 29**. Details: call 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)** upcoming free special events: "Sacred Mountains: A Pilgrimage in Yosemite and Tibet" slideshow is 7 p.m. **March 29**. — Free hands-on bicycle clinics 10-11:30 a.m. **April 3, 17**. — Tim Palmer gives slideshow based on his book "California Wild" 7 p.m. **April 5**. — Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **April 10**. \$85 members, \$100 non-members. — "Destination-The World: Wanderlust of a Sierra Rock Climber" 7 p.m. **April 12**. — Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival is 7 p.m. **April 13, 14** at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium. Events location: 1338 San Pablo Ave. unless otherwise noted. — Kayaing 101 is 5 p.m. **April 19**. Details: call 510-527-4140 or www.rei.com/stores.

■ **Tsunami Benefit Concert** "Do Something: Young People Changing Their World" is 7:30 p.m. **March 29** at Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 1111 Addison Ave., Features acoustic music of many acts including musicians from Community School of the East Bay. Tickets: \$25. Details: call 510-548-1761.

■ **Jewish Family & Children's Services** of the East Bay Center for Older Adult Services, 828 San Pablo Ave., Suite 104, Albany, presents free lectures: "Estate Planning & Power of Attorney" 7-9 p.m. **March 31**. — "Will Your Bones Carry You Into the Future?" 4-6 p.m. **April 5**. — "Preserving the Estate: Medicare, Medicaid & Long-term Insurance" 7-9 p.m. **April 7**. — "Supermarket Savvy: Shopping for a Healthier Diet" 7-9 p.m. **April 12**. — "Driving & Aging - A Discussion Forum" 4-6 p.m. **April 14**. — "Community Resources for Better Health & Well-Being" 4-6 p.m. **April 19**. — "Adaptations for Safety & Independence at Home" 4-6 p.m. **April 21**. Details/registration: call 510-558-7800.

■ **Robert B. Reich** gives public talk "How Unequal Can America Get Before We Snap?" at 7 p.m. **April 5** at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium. Event is free but tickets needed; call 510-642-9988. For location, see map: www.berkeley.edu/map.

■ **American Red Cross's** next mobile blood drive is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **April 12** at St. Mary's College Science Building, High School 1294 Albina Ave. Details: call Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.BeADonor.com.

■ **Jewish day camp Camp Gan Israel's** Open House is 8 p.m. **April 13** at 2643 College Ave. Campers enjoy sports, swimming, overnights, crafts, gymnastics, Shabbat parties, and twice weekly trips. See a video slide show and have all your questions answered. RSVP to Chabad of the East Bay at 510-540-5824.

■ **AARP Tax-Aide** is nation's largest volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service; the free service can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. To locate a site near you, call 888-AARPNOW (888-227-7669) through **April 15** or go to www.aarp.org/taxaide for year-round assistance.

■ **La Pena Community Chorus** presents Class of 2005 Grad Nite fundraiser concert 8 p.m. **April 29** at El Cerrito High School's Little Theater. Mexican folkloric music, American Gospel and American folk. Voices are accompanied by instrumentalists. Tickets: \$10-\$20 sliding scale; send a check payable to "ECHS Grad Nite" to: Lisa Schillf, 1335 Brewster Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530, and tickets will be mailed to you. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. To help sell tickets, call 510-236-3003.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association's** 29th annual Art Show and Sale is **April 30, May 1** at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Reception and awards ceremony is **April 29**. Works in a variety of two and three dimensional media are welcome. Entries are to be hand delivered to Center at 8:30-11 a.m. **April 29**. Non refundable entry fee of \$10 per piece and limit to number of entries. Details: go to Center or area libraries for an entry form or call 510-526-9564.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Dog and puppy temporary foster homes are urgently needed. Local animal shelters are overcrowded and the situation is desperate. Please call Hopalong Animal Rescue at 510-267-1915 or go to www.hopalong.org.

■ **Programs at the Albany Senior Center**, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Low Vision Support Group is at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on last Monday of each month. Free. — Massage Therapy is Tuesdays at 2:30 - 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$10 per 15 minute session. Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., sliding scale \$3 - \$10 per week. — Senior Issues Support Group, Thursdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$15. Call 510-524-9122 for information, registration.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmers' Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2 - 6 p.m. (winter hours) on Derby Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3 - 7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: call 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Berkeley City Club** and Landmark Heritage Foundation are dedicated to preservation and promotion of legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., on fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1 - 4 p.m. Free, with donations welcome. For reservations/details: call 510-848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

Donations

■ **Berkeley Toys for Tots** program is underway; to donate toys to underprivileged children call Berkeley Police

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■ **Cars needed** — Boys and Girls Clubs throughout California are running car campaigns to help support their programs. If you would like to donate your automobile, the Club can be contacted at 800-246-0493. Some restrictions apply.

■ **The Turnabout Shop**, 10052 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito: all staff time and merchandise to the shop is donated, and proceeds support healthcare needs in local communities. Thrift shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of clothing and household items are welcome. Details: call 510-525-7844.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: call 510-845-1226 or e-mail bnc@net-value.net.

Exhibits

■ **Giorgi Gallery** presents "Temptations of the Brush" through **April 3** at 2911 Claremont Ave. Artists' reception 5 p.m. **March 25**. Works by Jeanne La Deaux, Centa Theresa, Lisa Bruce. Details: 510-848-1228 or www.giorgigallery.com.

■ **"Lenten Meditations: Paintings by Sandy Walker"** exhibit can be viewed 7-9 p.m. **March 25**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **March 27**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **April 3** at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Sandy will be available for discussion after church service at 11:30 a.m. **April 3**. Details: 510-848-3696.

■ **UNA Information and UNICEF Center** presents exhibition "Giving Form to the Formless", calligraphy by Ronald Y. Nakasone, at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through **March 26** at 1403B Addison St. Details: 510-849-1752.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents Lewis Suzuki's watercolors in lobby through **April 30**. Public reception 6-7 p.m. **March 26**. — "Siempre La Lucha" shows in Cafe. — Group show celebrating International Women's Month is in Theater. Details: call 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association** presents "Nature Fantasy Digital Photocollages" exhibit by Lisa Yount on display through **March** at El Cerrito Public Library, 6510 Stockton St.

■ **A New Leaf Gallery/Sculpturesite** presents its 15 year Commemorative Reception & Book Signing 2-4 p.m. **April 2** at 1286 Gilman St. Book published to commemorate gallery's years in Berkeley. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, live jazz. — Current exhibit "Interlude" shows through **April 27**. Details: www.sculpturesite.com or 510-525-7621.

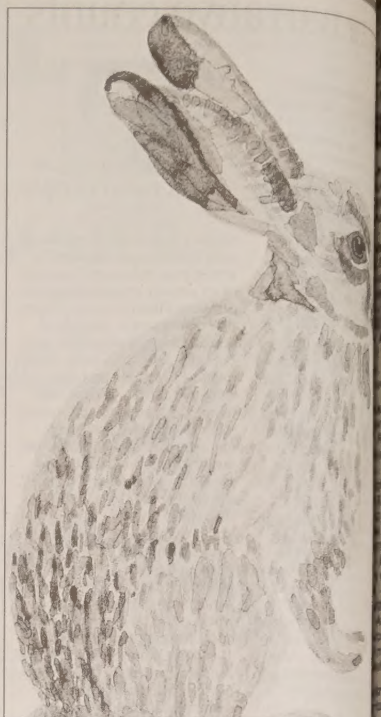
■ **Gallery 940** presents Ruth von Janhke Waters' "Between Dimensions" exhibit **April 5-May 31** at 940 Dwight Way. Artist's reception 5-8 p.m. **April 8**. Details: 650-594-1577.

■ **California College of the Arts' Spring Fair** is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **April 16** in main walkway, Oakland campus, 5212 Broadway. Free collect work by CCA's newest talent at annual Spring Fair. Presented by the CCA Student Affairs Office. Details: 510-594-3666.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive** presents: "Blind at the Museum" through July 24; "Matrix 214: Mark Manders" and "Matrix 215: Althea Thauberger" through **April 10**, "Drawn by the Brush: Old Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens" through **May 15** at 2625 Durant Ave. #2250. Details: go to www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or call 510-642-0808.

■ **California College of the Arts** presents Barclay Simpson MFA Awards Exhibition **April 22-29** at Oliver Art Center, Oakland campus, 5212 Broadway. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 12-5 p.m. Reception/awards presentation: 5:30-7:30 p.m. **April 25**. Award-winning work by CCA graduate students in fine arts is on view. Free. Details: 510-568-1223.

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Happy hunting!

East Bay

■ **Bay Street** presents Emeryville Spring Festival with arts and crafts, with Penny the Clown, a visit with Mr. Bunny and more, noon **March 26** at Shellmound Street and Christie Avenue, Emeryville, free, 510-852-4000 or www.baystreetemeryville.com.

■ **Dunsmeir Historic Estate** presents an Old-Fashioned Easter egg hunt and decorating, traditional games, a visit from the Easter Bunny and tours of the mansion, noon-3 p.m. **March 27** at 2960 Paralta Drive, Oakland, \$1-\$5, 510-615-5555, www.dunsmeir.org.

■ **El Cerrito Easter Egg Hunt** runs 10-11 a.m. **March 26** at Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito. Children to age 12 must bring a basket or bag to collect prizes and candy. Free. 510-559-7000.

■ **Heather Farm Community Center** presents a pancake breakfast hunt, 8 a.m. **March 26** at 301 N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek, 94598, 510-855-5555.

■ **The Martinez Lions**, Kiwanis and Lioness clubs presents the Martinez Community Easter Egg Hunt, with more than 3,000 hidden eggs and appearance by the Easter Bunny, 10 a.m. **March 26** at Waterfront Park, 1000 Dimaggio Drive, Martinez, 925-229-5837.

■ **Orinda Easter Egg Hunt**, sponsored by the Orinda Rotary Club, is 11 a.m. **March 26** for children grades K-2, with prizes and refreshments. The Easter Bunny will be there, and refreshments will be served by the Exchange Club of Pinole-Hercules, 510-741-8554.

■ **Pleasant Hill Park** presents the Golden Egg Hunt with face painting, music and more, 9:30 a.m. **March 26** at 147 Gregory Lane, Hill, 925-676-5200.

■ **San Pablo Easter Egg Hunt** and appearance by the Easter Bunny, **March 26** at Helms Middle School soccer field, 2500 Road 20, San Pablo. Children ages 3-10 bring baskets to collect free goodies, 510-215-5337.

San Francisco

■ **The Union Street Easter Parade and Spring Celebration** features music, Easter Bonnet Design Contest and more, beginning at 10 a.m. at Union Street from Gough to Fillmore Streets, S.F., free, 800-510-0555.

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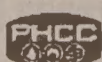


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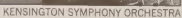
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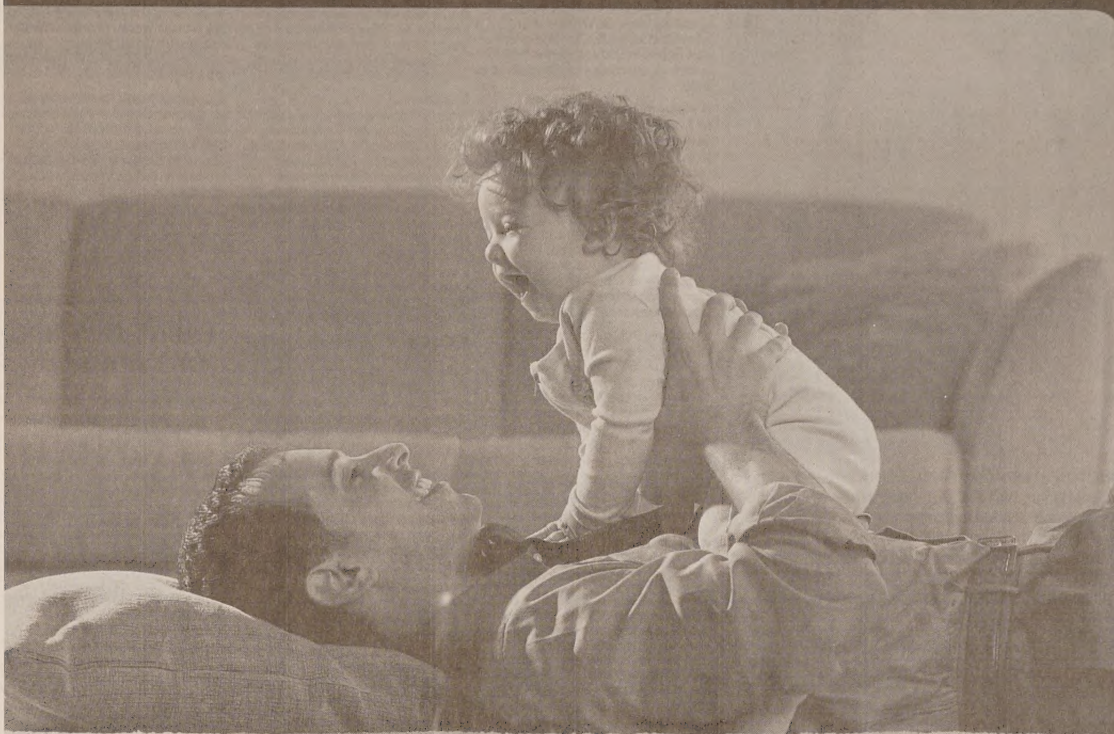
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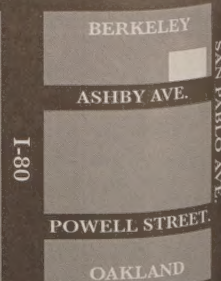
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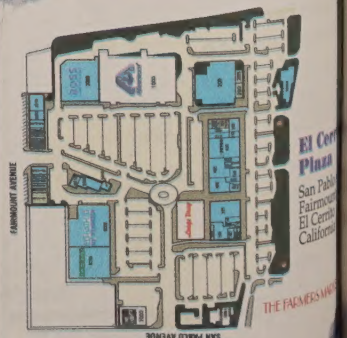
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Alamo home on top of the world

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR
The home at 504 Oakshire Place in Alamo rests on a knoll atop the prestigious Roundhill North estate. Its stark, white color and geometric shapes echo a style de-

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veloped in the 1920s in Europe. The International Style originated in the workshops of architects who

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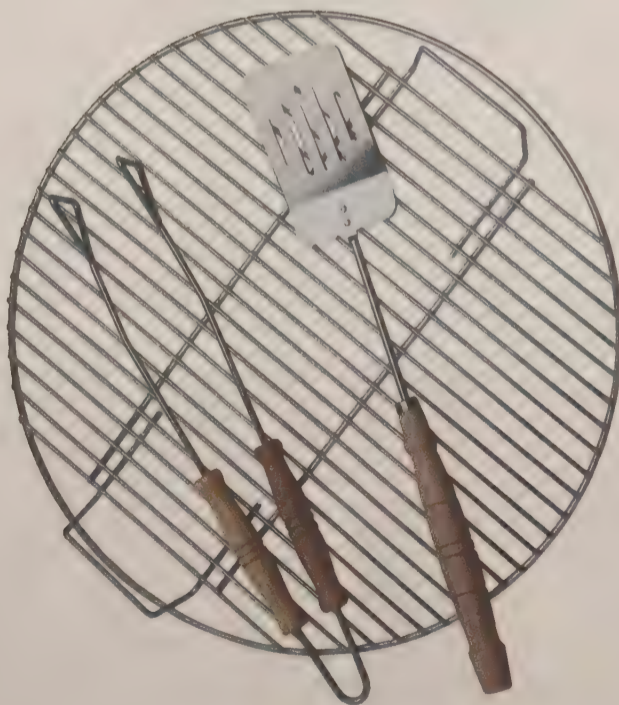
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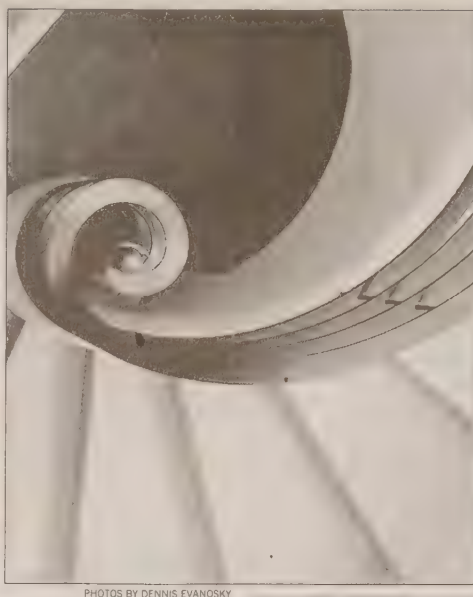
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FAR LEFT: HAND-SELECTED Indian slate adorns the room's fireplace. The slate continues as a theme throughout the home. Oakshire Place in Alamo.

LEFT: A UNIQUE SCULPTURAL stainless-steel circular staircase leads downstairs to the sized home theater and recreation room with the swimming pool.

BELOW LEFT: AN ITALIAN GLASS mosaic backsplash, black slab granite, and the-art stainless steel appliances accent the kitchen.

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Corbusier in France and Richard Neutra and Philip Johnson in the United States.

The movement called for a "harmony between artistic expression, function and technology"—something the owners of 504 Oakshire Place certainly achieved in the renovation of their home.

The home's exterior unfolds a completely revitalized interior that would have pleasantly surprised even the strictest adherents to the style's philosophy. The artistic expression called for in the International Style literally begins at the front door. The owners commissioned Scortino Designs to custom-design stainless steel and glass formal entry doors. These doors express the idea that the visitor is about to experience a change from the stark arrangement of the home's exterior to the art within.

NK Design Group added a mix of hand-selected maple, stainless steel, Indian slate and French limestone to the floors. The slate in the foyer provides the eye a pleasant contrast from the white exterior as one enters the home. These steps lead the visitor to the balcony with its view of the valley below and hills beyond. The owners continued to use Indian slate as a theme when they designed and built the living room fireplace.

What strikes the eye more than maple, slate, limestone and stainless steel, however, are the 360-degree views. Rolling hills cradle Round Hill Country Club on one side of the home and Mount Diablo rises up on the other. The owners took full advantage of these sweeping views in their renovation.

They pierced most of the home's walls with floor-to-ceiling glass. The family room lies just off the entry foyer across from the living room; the views are both breathtaking and distracting.

Like the front door and the fireplace, the chef's kitchen is a separate work of art. The owners hired Studio Becker to design curved custom cabinetry, a glass island with striking concrete detail and an Italian glass and mosaic backsplash. Studio Becker also installed the finest stainless steel appliances.

The formal dining room's floor-to-ceiling windows and a Venetian plastered dome add to the home's artistic expression. A breakfast room



just off the kitchen allows for more intimate dining.

The architect and builder designed the master bedroom to take advantage of a breathtaking view of Mount Diablo. They wanted the owners to awaken to the idea that they could reach out and touch the East Bay's highest peak. They succeeded. A balcony complements the bedroom and allows one to enjoy the private setting.

The idea that the home is a work of art continues in the master baths, yes there are two. Fifteen body sprayers surround a glass-viewing wall in his bath. Canter stonewalls and borders, black granite slab floors, two stainless steel sinks and a Studio Becker glass closet door all add to the elegance. She can bathe in a Kohler River bath while enjoying a view of Mount Diablo through her own glass-viewing wall. A pair of Robert Jones glass-blown sinks help set this private room apart.

Separate his-and-her walk-in closets add to the master bedroom's appeal.

Three other large bedrooms, each with its own uniquely designed bath, and each with its own unique views are on the same floor. The home also has a laundry room with state-of-the-art Miele washer and dryer and a three-car garage.

Scortino Designs added a winding staircase of limestone and steel that leads downstairs to a home theater and entertainment room with

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Doctor's visit prelude to near-perfect day

Number 486 in a series of true experiences in real estate. I had a near-perfect day recently with a routine visit to my doctor in Orinda. The doctor was wonderful, my health, good.

Anet and I needed to do some shopping for a listing so we went to the Orinda hardware store. At the window in this store is a model of a house. I had noticed before but I had not realized that anyone can run the trains. A platform across the scene to eye level and there are a dozen buttons, which are pressed to cause things to move in the scene.

There were not many people in the store in mid-morning so, alone with the trains, we pushed all of the buttons, looked to see what each one did. Several different trains run on different tracks, crossing signals and wag, a playground whirligig circles. We enjoyed ourselves.

Near the hardware store is our favorite restaurant, Serika. I went for lunch as often as possible. But it was a little early yet, we wandered into Sweet's, a toy and candy store.

I bought a couple of Easter gifts for my kids and some gummy candy for ourselves, and got to work just at noon. Tempura, sushi and sashimi, plus their very-best miso soup and tea left us happy on top of the world.

After lunch we returned home and e-mails and attended to business. All was well; everything was going along fine in real life, everyone happy. Around 5 o'clock Anet said to me, "Tonight is Sequoia School Dad's Club Va-Show. Do you want to go?"

Anet is from Granite City, Illinois. I've never been there so she hasn't shown me around her town or schools, whereas I'm from Oakland. I've told Anet countless stories about my childhood, taken her to my Sunday school church and to the neighborhoods and houses where I lived when I was growing up.

Sequoia School on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland was my elementary school. That was 50 years ago, and I don't believe I've been back inside the school since. Did Anet want to go back with me and see the Dad's Club show?

I told her that at least once when I was a student there, my family and I went to a Dad's Club talent show. It was so much fun. And I was curious to know if the inside of the school would look the same to me. Would the halls look small? What about the auditorium?

We did go. We walked up the several short flights of concrete stairs at the front of the school to the vestibule where the principal's office is, just as it was years ago. It was bright and cheery and welcoming inside. Lots of people — families, little kids, probably teachers — were standing near the ticket table talking. The doors in the schoolroom hallway were all closed at this time of night, but I could easily imagine them open, teachers standing at them greeting noisy kids. The floor in the hall is concrete with grooves in it making squares. I had forgotten about the floor, but the hallway length and width, and the stairs to the second story, all looked the same to me.

We gave our money and went through the double swinging doors



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It was a good crowd. People were glad to be there, adults standing to talk to friends, kids wiggling in wait for the start of the show. Finally, it began, and it was great.

into the old auditorium. I was practically breathless, I was so excited.

The auditorium is the same, not smaller. There are still circles painted on the shiny maple floor, there for kids to stand on and to walk or skip along during something called, in my day, rhythms.

Probably the circles have been repainted and in other ways the auditorium has been refurbished, it's been so long, but the paint color, velvet window and stage curtains, folding chairs and radiators all look as I remember them.

It was a good crowd. People were glad to be there, adults standing to talk to friends, kids wiggling in wait for the start of the show. Finally, it began, and it was great. The emcee had just the right deep announcing voice, plus an obvious pride in the performers and the school.

When the curtains opened there

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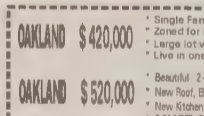
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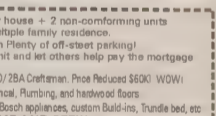
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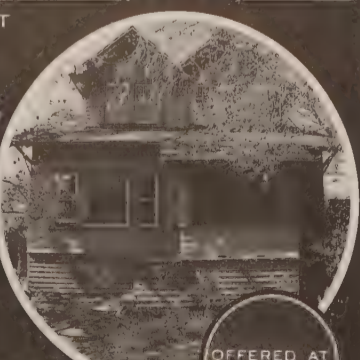
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tiered seating—a room large enough to lend a movie theater atmosphere, yet small enough to give it a personal touch. An exercise room on the lower level has a private entrance and could be converted to au pair quarters.

Just around the corner is a pleasant surprise: a recreation room with a bar and access to the home's swimming pool. The owners designed the room with a special floor that allows swimmers to come into the recreation room without worry. They also added a half bath outside near the pool.

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stage were kindergartners, nine of them all dressed up, the little girls in knee-length, fancy dresses. The group sang short songs accompanied by a man playing guitar and by one of the kids on a set of drums.
A pretty lady teacher played piano. She wore a long, red velvet dress, and I thought how much I would have loved it when I was a kid

that a teacher came in that dress.
The kids knew their material. They stood up straight, looked directly out through the lights into the auditorium, and not one of them missed a lyric.
I can't possibly tell how delighted we were with this performance — and all of the performers that followed. It felt good and clean and warm and friendly at the Dad's Club Variety Show. The applause was loud and enthusiastic. It was clear that everyone there was having a very good time.

At intermission, we floated along with the crowd into the cafeteria and Anet bought me a Sequoia Elementary School t-shirt. Cream-colored cotton, dark green lettering in a circle and, pictured in the center, the front of the school and its concrete stairs. So I have a souvenir.
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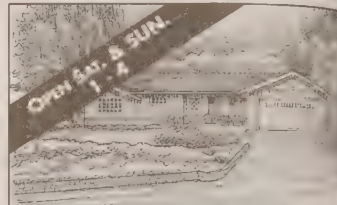
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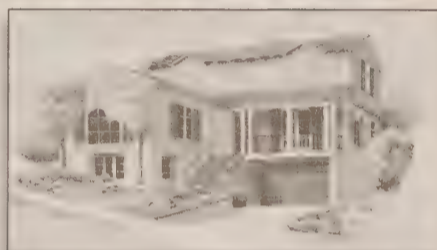


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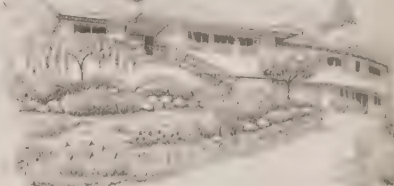
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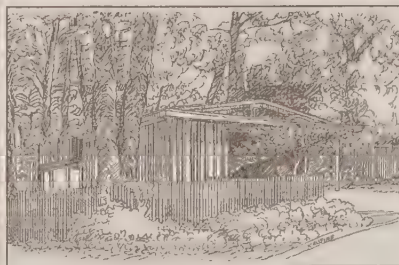
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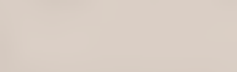
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Dear Doc: That depends on your lender. Some conservative old-fashioned lenders say a home buyer's principal and interest mortgage payment should not exceed 28 percent to 33 percent of gross family income.

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But many other lenders allow mortgage payments up to 40 percent, occasionally even 50 percent, of household income if there isn't much other debt, as in your situation.

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RUSS

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Internet lender whose name was advertised. The whole process was a scam. The quoted interest rate was never available, although I promptly filled out the paperwork and cooperated 100 percent over six weeks just to get my "subject to appraisal." The interest rate was a half percent

above the original quoted rate. I then told the lender to "get lost." Now the lender threatens to sue me for the appraisal fee, even though it was just a "drive-by windshield appraisal." Do you think I should pay the \$375 appraisal fee? — Norman W.

Dear Norman: No. You should sue for fraud, misrepresentation, and breach of contract. Be sure to report the events to the lender's state or federal regulator. Dishonest lenders like that give the honest mortgage lenders a bad image.

What is a "short sale?"

Dear Bob: My recently became a widow. She can no longer afford her home. The church next door wants to buy her home but is not willing to pay the balance on her mortgage. They say the house is worth less. What can she do to avoid foreclosure? — Nancy S.

Dear Nancy: The circumstance you describe is called a "short sale." That means the property is worth less than its mortgage balance.

You or your daughter should phone the mortgage lender, and explain the situation. Or you might prefer to write a letter to the lender, explaining the circumstances, and enclosing a copy of the church's

purchase offer for less than the mortgage balance.

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New Listing! Dramatic 4BR/2.5BA contemporary w/SF Bay views & wonderful gardens. Cook's kitchen w/Viking Range, granite & island w/sink. Kitchen/family room combo, formal dining. Decks & enclosed patio. Dick Cohen x1308



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OAKLAND \$499,000
655 12TH ST #401 (Open 1-5)

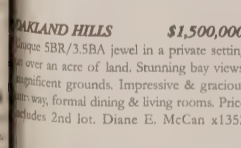
Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



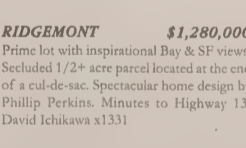
LAUREL \$419,000
3856 HIGH ST.

1+BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Sunny and artsy with high ceiling and loft, sunroom, updated kitchen, deck and magical garden leading up to the cottage with deck in rear. Lee Jacobson x1309

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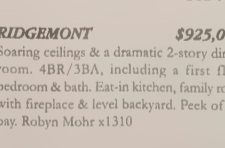


OAKLAND HILLS \$1,500,000
5BR/3.5BA jewel in a private setting overlooking an acre of land. Stunning bay views, magnificent grounds. Impressive & gracious entryway, formal dining & living rooms. Price includes 2nd lot. Diane E. McCan x1352



RIDGEMONT \$1,280,000
1771 NORTHWOOD CT

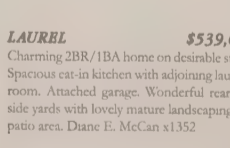
Prime lot with inspirational Bay & SF views. Secluded 1/2+ acre parcel located at the end of a cul-de-sac. Spectacular home design by Phillip Perkins. Minutes to Highway 13. David Ichikawa x1331



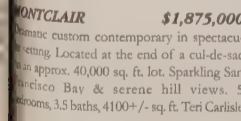
RIDGEMONT \$925,000
4BR/3BA, including a dramatic 2-story dining room. Soaring ceilings & a dramatic 2-story dining room. 4BR/3BA, including a first floor bedroom & bath. Eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace & level backyard. Peek of the bay. Robyn Mohr x1310



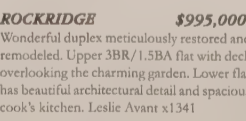
ROCKRIDGE \$589,000
2BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



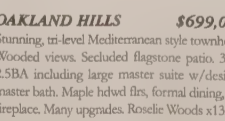
LAUREL \$539,000
1+BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Sunny and artsy with high ceiling and loft, sunroom, updated kitchen, deck and magical garden leading up to the cottage with deck in rear. Lee Jacobson x1309



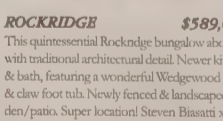
MONTCLAIR \$1,875,000
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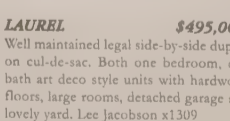
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OAKLAND HILLS \$699,000
2BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



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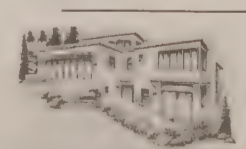


LAUREL \$495,000
1+BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Sunny and artsy with high ceiling and loft, sunroom, updated kitchen, deck and magical garden leading up to the cottage with deck in rear. Lee Jacobson x1309

COMING SOON



RIDGEMONT \$1,295,000
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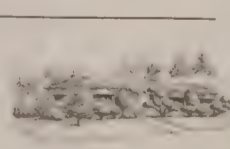
UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,695,000
5BR/3.5BA jewel in a private setting overlooking an acre of land. Stunning bay views, magnificent grounds. Impressive & gracious entryway, formal dining & living rooms. Price includes 2nd lot. Diane E. McCan x1352



SAN LEANDRO \$689,000
2BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



HADDON HILL \$549,000
2BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



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new book by Dennis Evanovsky and Eric Kos at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 31. Evanovsky's lecture last year called Cryptic Crypts was presented to a standing-room-only audience. Copies of the coffee table books, with over 70 pairs of photos (many of Alameda) will be available at the lecture. The authors will sign book purchases after the lecture and slide show. Call 510-748-0796 or check www.alamedamuseum.org.

Free Classes

G&L AdvantageTeam Buyers Class: Learn how much home you can afford, how to qualify for a loan and why you need a Realtor, at "Buying Your First Home". The free seminar is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Oakland City Center Wells Fargo Bank. Each attendee receives a free credit report. Make a reservation with presenters from "Your Home Team Advantage" (a group of professionals from mortgage, title and Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors) by visiting GallagherAndLindsey.com or calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

Landlords/Managers. Property Managers can hone their professional skills with the free "Preparing The Property For Market Workshop," Saturday, April 5. This is the first class in the California Certified Property Management Series. The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County sponsors the class. Learn about new laws, notices, screening tips and more. Reservations required. Call for April workshop dates and tuition costs at 510-893-9873 or visit www.rhanac.org.

Sellers Roundtable. Attend the "Home-Sellers Weekly Roundtable," an informational session led by Realtor **Todd Ensley** of Pacific Union. Learn what's needed to sell your home for top dollar. Join the discussion on Wednesday, April 6, in Oakland. Call 510-910-5757.

Investor Strategies. Bay Area Investors Educational Services of Oakland offers a panel discussion on the benefits of and strategies for investing in real estate. Attorney **Phillip Adelson** moderates the three-person panel, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5. Call for ticket and location information at 510-339-9014.

Buyer Assist. The Home Buyer Assistance Center in Oakland offers an information session, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6. Learn about a new program that could make you a homeowner. Reserve a seat by calling 510-832-6925 ext. 100.

Self-Employed Success. Attend a free independent contractor seminar "Better Business Through Successful Systems". Learn cutting edge marketing techniques and run your business like a business. The seminar facilitator is CEO **Bill Hogarty** of Olympia Funding. Make a reservation for the April class via e-mail to kmessina@ofloan.com.

Workshop Picks. Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany teaches several workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop reviews the loan process and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is for first-time buyers. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on homebuying addressed in "womanspeak." For workshop dates call 510-718-2134.

Multilingual

In order to serve non-English speaking homebuyers and sellers RE/Max launched RE Translate on its Web sites. Information is available in 13 languages, by clicking on a country's flag. Agents will be able to use this tool to maximize their business. Check it out at remax-cahi.com or remax.california.com.

KW FOR OLB

At the recent Keller Williams Realty conference in Las Vegas, a \$30,000 donation was given to the Oral Lee Brown Foundation, by KW Cares. KW Cares is a non-profit funded by Keller Williams agents. The Oakland based OLB Foundation helps inner-city kids attend college. Keller Williams has 12 offices in the Bay Area, including the Oakland Market Center office in the Piedmont area. Learn more at www.kwcures.com.

RENEWAL

Duane Gomer Seminars offer classes for DRE license renewal and broker license testing preparation. For anyone needing license renewal all 45 hours of DRE tests are available in 1/2-day sessions. Courses and test preparation are offered for the brokers license State Exam. To ask about class schedules and costs call 1-800-439-4909.

WHO?

■ Doesn't it always seem that the most successful folks are the busiest? Broker and Owner of Next Level Real Estate Felecia Favroth is also the 2005 of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. She's reachable at 510-967-6661.

WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbierid@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

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2715 Shasta, Berkeley By Appointment

New listing! Spectacular views from nearly every room of this beaut. 3-lvl Medit. 4 bdrms, 3 baths. Wonderful light & character. Gorgeous new master bdrm & bath w/handblown glass sink & stunning views. Flexible lower lvl w/sep. entrance, bath, priv. deck. Beaut. landscaped oversized lot (10,302 sq. ft.) by landscape arch. David Johnson. Many upgrades.

Peter Damm 524-9888 x13 \$1,195,000

734 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! This lovely Medit.-style home provides glorious views of the Golden Gate, S.F., & the Bay. Recently painted inside & out, it features 3 bdrms, 2 full baths, updated kit., large fam. rm w/French doors leading to grdn, hwd floors, liv. rm w/lpl, formal dining rm, studio/project rm, 1-car gar., expansive terraced & fenced back grdn w/abundant fruit trees & blooming perennials; convenient to all the best urban amenities.

Arlene Baxter 524-9888 x19 \$865,000

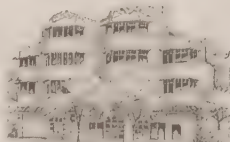


220 Caldecott Ln, #307, Oakland "The Parkwoods"

By Appointment

Beautiful top floor Piedmont model w/2 master bdrm suites. Cathedral ceilings, designer colors, and open gourmet kitchen. Peaceful, pretty hill views. Wonderful, newer complex w/many amenities incl. pool, hot tub, gym, on-site management, express bus to SF & more.

Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$519,000



2615 Telegraph Ave., #303, Berkeley By Appointment

Wonderful 1-bdrm condo in newer complex to campus. Freshly painted, hardwood floors, crown molding. Ideal for students. Excellent location with easy access to great restaurants, shops, cafés, BART and more!

Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$359,000

1110 Harrison, Berkeley By Appointment

New listing! A little house for the romantic buyer! Friendly front porch, living room, formal dining room, one bedroom, one bath, cheery kitchen, back porch leading to back yard. Garage.

Maya Thrilling 524-9888 x18 \$295,000

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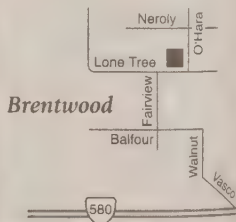
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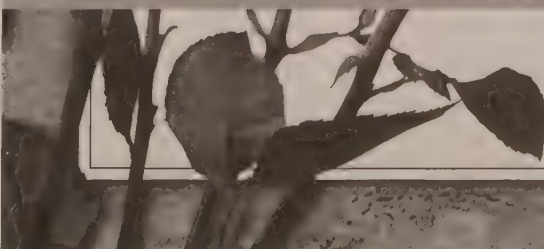
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19 Chestnut St - \$400,000
 100 Colgett Dr - \$2,350,000
 1061 Contra Costa - \$1,492,000
 1006 Coolidge Av - \$625,000
 1075 Douglas Av - \$315,000
 1035 Dover St - \$612,500
 1028 East 16th St - \$280,000
 1060 East 19th St - \$475,000
 1040 East 21st St - \$123,000
 1020 Edgemoor - \$445,000
 1010 Erie St - \$1,012,000
 11111 Estepa Dr - \$360,000
 1093 Franklin 303 - \$279,000
 1095 Franklin 307 - \$294,000
 1098 Franklin 405 - \$560,000
 1001 Fresno St - \$335,000
 100 Garland Av - \$675,000
 1048 Gaspar Dr - \$750,000
 1026 Ghormley Av - \$260,000
 1018 Gray St - \$465,000
 1017 Haven St - \$305,000
 1027 Hillside St 1 - \$275,000
 1011 Holly St - \$300,000
 1011 Katon Ct 4K - \$345,000
 1005 Kingsley Cr - \$330,000
 1015 Lakeshore 3 - \$495,000
 100 Lakeside Dr 1009 - \$434,000
 100 Lakeside Dr 1802 - \$753,500
 100 Lakeside Dr 1809 - \$488,500
 100 Lakeside Dr 211 - \$476,500
 1000 MacArthur Bl 9 - \$195,000
 1007 MacArthur Bl - \$540,000
 1014 MacArthur Bl - \$370,000
 100 McElroy St - \$321,000
 100 Observation - \$1,320,000
 1058 Ocean View Dr - \$915,000
 1000 Olive St - \$392,000
 10190 Overdale Av - \$600,000
 1019 Park Bl - \$650,000
 10256 Parker Av - \$365,000
 100 Pearl St 302 - \$305,000
 1001 Plymouth St - \$415,000
 1022 Rosedale Av - \$380,000
 1006 Rosedale Av - \$419,000
 1027 San Juan St - \$319,500
 100 Santa Clara 8 - \$440,000
 1006 Seminary Ct - \$365,000
 100 Sequoyah View - \$800,000
 1018 Shafter Av - \$295,000
 1000 St. Andrews Rd - \$730,000
 1078 Sunnyhills Rd - \$1,100,000
 1011 Sunnyside St - \$415,000
 10057 Walnut St - \$408,000
 1023 West St - \$455,000

MONROE

1019 17th St - \$400,000
 104 30th St - \$405,000
 104 4th St - \$334,000
 103 5th St - \$350,000
 104 7th St - \$323,000
 104 Aqua Vista - \$569,000
 1036 Arrowhead Ct - \$560,000
 1051 Battery St - \$368,000
 104 Belvedere Av - \$785,000
 1000 Byard View 103 - \$452,000
 1000 Byard View 105 - \$458,000
 1000 Byard View 205 - \$497,000
 1000 Byard View 214 - \$475,500
 1008 Carlson Bl - \$300,000
 100 Castro St - \$750,000
 1043 Clinton Av - \$540,000
 1020 Clinton Av - \$390,000
 100 Coaliga Av - \$405,000
 102 Coleman Cr - \$820,000
 100 Fleetwood Dr - \$575,000
 101 Garvin Av - \$290,000
 100 Greenview Ln - \$385,000
 101 Greenway Dr - \$490,000
 100 Harbor View - \$640,000
 101 Huntington Av - \$505,000
 100 Kensington Av - \$575,000
 103 Kirk Ln - \$435,000
 100 Lincoln Av - \$425,000
 102 Lucas Av - \$334,000
 1019 Maricopa Av - \$325,000
 1017 McKenzie - \$455,000
 1019 Moyers Rd - \$469,000
 104 Nevin Plz - \$400,000
 100 Parkway Dr - \$489,500
 106 Payne Dr - \$310,000
 104 Pennsylvania - \$330,000
 101 Pinnacle Ct 201 - \$630,000
 101 Pinnacle Ct 216 - \$425,000
 100 Pinnacle Ct 302 - \$462,000
 107 Potrero Av - \$410,000
 1029 Solano Av - \$200,000
 106 South 21st St - \$417,000
 1011 South 47th St - \$385,000
 1044 Truman St - \$225,000
 1029 Visalia Av - \$300,000
 1017 Waller Av - \$355,000
 106 Wilson Av - \$400,000

LEANDRO

104 164th Av - \$345,000
 1025 Beatty St - \$505,000
 109 Boxwood Av - \$500,000
 104 Callan Av - \$372,500
 109 Callan Av - \$372,500
 107 Carrillo Dr - \$560,000
 108 Chaplet St - \$605,000
 102 Charter Wy - \$725,000
 1018 Constitution - \$680,000
 1001 E. 14th 306 - \$329,000
 109 Helen Av - \$630,000
 101 Kenilworth Av - \$540,000
 104 Luna Av - \$504,000
 102 Marina Bl - \$525,000
 103 Melven Ct - \$534,000
 108 Mersey Av - \$430,000
 1021 Monterey Bl - \$520,000
 1091 Reed Av - \$375,000
 1057 Wake Av - \$465,000
 109 Willow Av - \$331,000

LORENZO

100 Paseo Grande - \$280,000
 1074 Tracy St - \$400,000
 100 Via Catherine - \$575,000
 1048 Via Frances - \$490,000
 1060 Via Harriet - \$555,000
 1002 Via Magdalena - \$445,000

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TOTAL SALES: 12
 WEST PRICE: \$273,000

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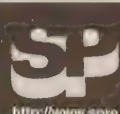
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Sales

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$941,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$692,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$593,083

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$630,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$417,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$452,333

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$550,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,502,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$630,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$824,556

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TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$450,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$687,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$570,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$580,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$305,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$797,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$535,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$502,250

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$430,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$401,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 85
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,350,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$434,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$506,435

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 47
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$820,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$417,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$443,043

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$329,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$725,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$505,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$492,400

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$490,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$457,500

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\$309,000 1333 Webster St. A-313 1BD/1BA Open Sat 2-4 Alameda Realty Bette Barr	\$995,000 2103 Santa Clara Ave 6BD/5BA Open Sun 1-4pm Prudential Paul Broderick	\$456,000 133 Brighton St 3BD/2BA Sat & Sun 1-5pm Foxboro Heights Prudential Michael K. Hahn	\$495,000 3033 22nd Ave 3BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential Andreas Furter	\$1,295,000 6620 Estates Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. Piedmont Side
\$519,000 3530 Magnolia Lane 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-882-5232 Harbor Bay Realty Lena Sazo	\$479,000 1332 Peralta Avenue 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Berkeley 531-7000 x228 Wells & Bennett Realtors Kate Phillips	\$3,599,000 4079 Happy Valley Rd. 6BD/3BA Sun 1-4 925-253-4601/510-547-1615 Coldwell Banker Jerilyn Babington	\$499,000 655 12th St. #401 2BD/2BA Sun 1-5 City Plaza 510-339-1354 Pacific Union GMAC Jennie A. Flanigan	\$1,375,000 1859 Northwest Court Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$549,000 3439 Dutchcap Lane 3 BD/2.5 BA Open Sat 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty Tom Young	\$495,000 2424 Byron Street 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Dana Cohen	\$325,000 455 Cresent Street #212 Studio Sat & Sun 1-4 510-909-6871 Prudential Ca Realty Disray R. McCall	\$499,000 7516 Sunkist 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills 531-7006 x242 Wells & Bennett Realtors Chris & Nancy	\$1,400,000 3900 Cerrito Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Avenue Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$550,000 1256 Broadway 3 BD/1 BA Sat 1-4 510-748-1174 Gallagher & Lindsey Mario & Wendig Mariani	\$575,000 1613 Ward Street 3BD/2BA Sat 2:30-5/Sun 2-5 510-486-1495 Coldwell Banker Kimiko Terry/Jacklyn Arvin	\$365,000 1549 Chandler St. 101 2 BD/2 BA Sat & Sun 1-4 510-814-4816 Harbor Bay Realty Nina Belle Zamora	\$550,000 3675 Lily St 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm Laurel 510-339-4280 Montclair Better Homes M.J. McConville	\$1,499,000 5330 Bacon Rd Sat & Sun 2-4pm Prudential
\$569,000 1543 Santa Clara Ave 1+BD/1.5BA Open Sat 2-4 510-568-7959 Alameda Realty Carol Burnett	\$789,000 3032 Colby St 4+BD/2BA Sun 2-4pm 510-849-9900 Maison Nouveau Victoria Finn	\$369,999 1907 Durant Ave. 2 BD/1 BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1165 Gallagher & Lindsey Bill & Griselda Bissett	\$575,000 1947 E. 28th St 4 Units Sat, Sun, Mon 11-1pm 510-287-5704 Prudential Mayling Trinh	\$1,750,000 7045 Skyline Blvd Sun 2-5pm Oakland Hills New Spring Real Estate
\$895,000 2521 Clement Ave 2+BD/1.5BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 415-730-0224/510-521-1611 Fortuna Realty Rosalinda Fortuna	\$790,000 1 Claremont Crescent 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4pm 510-849-9900 Maison Nouveau Annalisse Demuth	\$375,000 2044 54th Ave 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm Maxwell Park 510-339-9290 Prudential Gryner/Randall	\$579,900 3944 Huntington St. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 Laurel 510-451-7317 x25 Valva Realty Co. Michael Valva	\$1,750,000 7045 Skyline Blvd Sun 2-5pm Oakland Hills New Spring Real Estate
\$619,000 1423 Willow St 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm 510-339-4000 Montclair Better Homes Loc Nguyen	\$795,000 1170 Oxford Street 3+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. The Ratcliffes	\$379,000 389 Belmont St #409 2BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4pm Adams Point 510-595-7699 RE/MAX Dave Higgins	\$619,000 6326 Roanoke Rd 3+BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm 510-873-0259 Prudential Sandy Wong	\$450,000 7041 15th St Open Sun 2-4:30pm Keller Williams
\$649,000 2803 Clay St. 2 BD/1 BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4872 / 814-4882 Harbor Bay Realty G. Schuler / A. Bertolani	\$865,000 734 Cragmont Ave 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm Berkeley Hills 510-524-9888x19 Berkeley Hills Realty Arlene Baxter	\$375,000 2044 54th Ave 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm Maxwell Park 510-339-9290 Prudential Gryner/Randall	\$629,000 3907 Randolph 2BD/1BA Sat & Sun 2-5 Glenview 510-339-1340 Pacific Union GMAC Christian Downer	\$450,000 7041 15th St Open Sun 2-4:30pm Keller Williams
\$650,000 1044 Central Ave. 2 Units Sat 1-3 (510)748-1119 Gallagher & Lindsey Lisa Perry	\$945,000 2802 Garber St 4BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm 510-339-4550 Montclair Better Homes Nahid Nassiri	\$379,000 389 Belmont St #409 2BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4pm Adams Point 510-595-7699 RE/MAX Dave Higgins	\$650,000 2411 Humboldt Ave 5BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30pm Dimond (Lower) 510-517-4022 Montclair Better Homes Jim Schubert	\$759,000 53 Coral Drive Sat & Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker
\$655,000 913 Independence Dr. 2 BD/2 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Marina Village 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty Janice Payne	\$945,000 2914 Piedmont Ave 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30pm Marvin Gardens 510-292-3050 Ron Eggerman	\$389,000 388 Santa Clara #106 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage 510-339-9900 Tom Erwin	\$675,500 2617 Alida St. 3BD/2BA Sun 2-5 Lincoln Heights 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Rachel Baller	\$1,995,000 190 Sandringham Open Sat 2-4 The Grubb Co.
\$660,000 1611 Willow Street Duplex Sat 2-4 Victorian 510-748-1158 Gallagher & Lindsey Tom Bennett	\$995,000 2111 Byron St 510-334-1355 Sun 2-4pm home+ duplex+studio 510-334-1355 Coldwell Banker Bartels Brett Stratton	\$395,000 695 Mariposa Ave. 2 BD/2 BA Sat 2-4 510-301-4004 Gallagher & Lindsey Jim Nations	\$685,000 744 Calmar Ave 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm Crocker Highland 510-339-4550 Montclair Better Homes Nahid Nassiri	\$3,200,000 50 Sotelo Avenue Open Sat 2-4 The Grubb Co.
\$699,000 2058 San Jose Ave. 3 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 Central 510-814-4826 Harbor Bay Realty Nancy & Chuck Bianchi	\$1,175,000 2877 Shasta Road 4BD/3BA Sat 2-4 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Terry Anthony	\$419,000 3856 High St 1+BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-338-1309 Pacific Union GMAC Lee Jacobson	\$789,000 5885 Chabot Ct. 2BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge 510-652-2133 Coldwell Banker Joan Alford & Nancy Maloney	\$3,200,000 50 Sotelo Avenue Open Sat 2-4 The Grubb Co.
\$699,000 2210 Buena Vista Ave. 2 Units Sat & Sun 2-4 510-747-1620 Gallagher & Lindsey Moon Tam	\$1,395,000 1719-1721 Francisco 3BD/2 BA Sun 2-4pm Hm,Apt,Duplex 510-848-1950x251 Thornwall Properties Linda Wolan	\$424,950 3800 Suter St 2BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30pm Allendale 510-910-5179 Montclair Better Homes Robert M. Scott	\$795,000 243 Somers Road 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair 510-339-9290 Prudential Geoff Scowcroft	\$299,000 632 34th Open Sun 1:30-4pm N & E Security Pacific
\$725,000 3296 Encinal Ave 4BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1125 Gallagher & Lindsey Troy Staten	\$518,000 21031 Nunes Ave. 3 BD/1 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty 510-522-9600 Izabella Lipetski	\$425,000 3225 Dakota Street Bungalow Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 531-7000 x262 Wells & Bennett Realtors Teri L. Lester	\$835,000 8 Taurus Avenue 2BD/2BA Sat 1-4 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Jeffrey Neideman & Leslie Wel	\$345,000 6044 Week Ave Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens
\$729,000 1065 Gardenia Terrace 3BD/2BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4839/4897 Harbor Bay Realty Bill Douglas/Nancy Mach	\$679,000 7747 Stockton Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-559-2910 Barbara Kaplan	\$429,000 565 Bellevue Ave 1BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm Lake Merritt 510-899-6305 Montclair Better Homes Rosemary Greene	\$879,000 980 Park Lane 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Judith Cain	\$369,000 831 38th St Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage
\$739,000 119 Avington Road 3 BD/2 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4826 Harbor Bay Realty Donna Williams	\$679,000 7747 Stockton Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-559-2910 Barbara Kaplan	\$449,500 7600 Circle Hill Dr 2BD/1BA Sat & Sun 1-4pm East Oakland Hills 510-851-5966 Keller Williams Realty Joanne Madlung	\$899,000 1117 Portal Avenue 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Lori Lombardo	\$479,000 1825 Ralston Ave Open Sun 1-4pm Richmond View
\$823,000 3314 Constance Cir. 4 BD/3 BA Sat 2-4 East End 510-814-4817 Harbor Bay Realty Tim Marr	\$679,000 7747 Stockton Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-559-2910 Barbara Kaplan	\$459,900 2215 Durant Ave 4BD/2BA Sun 2-4pm Elmhurst 510-834-2010 Prudential David Lockett	\$995,000 865 Walavista Ave. 4BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Dan Hymer	\$479,000 1825 Ralston Ave Open Sun 1-4pm Richmond View
\$835,000 185 Capetown Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4874 / 814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty Mark Playsted / Ringo Liu	\$679,000 7747 Stockton Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens 510-559-2910 Barbara Kaplan	\$475,000 1095 67th St 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm North Oakland 510-527-5267 Prudential Janet Kaplan	\$1,095,000 1771 Northwood Ct. 4+BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-338-1308 Pacific Union GMAC Dick Cohen	\$479,000 1825 Ralston Ave Open Sun 1-4pm Richmond View
\$838,000 600 Fortress Isle 3BD/2BA Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-508-6000/510-846-4141 Kane & Associates John Yung/Elizabeth Kane	\$380,000 117 Creekside Ct 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes 510-967-9120 Wilbert Ross Jr	\$475,000 1095 67th St 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30pm N. Oakland 510-527-5267 Prudential Janet Kaplan	\$1,100,000 1767 Indian Way 4BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair 510-339-4550 Montclair Better Homes Nahid Nassiri	\$489,800 1376 Drake Ave Open Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates
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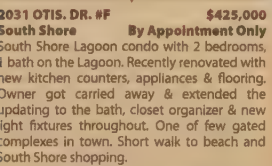
1611 WILLOW ST. \$660,000
Central Alameda Open Saturday 2-4
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BROWN'S 10K WELL ON ITS WAY

In 1989 Jerry Brown, the newly elected chairman of the state democratic party, came to address students at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. After his speech he invited anyone to join him for a beer at the Bear's Lair to discuss politics. I'm happy to say I took Brown up on that offer and what impressed me then, and has impressed me since, was Brown's passion for the East Bay and his unconventional style to raise the public's awareness of issues. He openly expressed his disgust with the growing influence of money in politics. So during his '92 bid for president, he refused to take donations larger than \$100 and used an 800 number to raise funds.

Later, in his 1998 bid for mayor of Oakland, Brown succeeded in motivating constituents with his focus on crime, education, and returning Oakland's downtown to the thriving center it once was. While we can debate Brown's merits as Oakland's mayor these past two terms, one

thing is for certain, after nearly seven years, Brown's 10K plan to provide for 10,000 new residents in Oakland's downtown is nearly complete. Oakland officials say 6,000 new units are needed to house 10,000 residents, and so far, 5,136 are either completed or under construction during Brown's tenure. That puts the 10K initiative at 85% complete.

How has Downtown Oakland's renaissance affected property owners throughout the city? The median home price in Oakland has risen 128 percent since 1999, the year Brown officially took office, while mortgage rates have hovered between 5.27 and 7.47 percent, according to DataQuick, a La Jolla research firm. Low rates, a positive outlook on future development, and a unique vision that is nearly complete have set the groundwork for a newly revitalized Oakland. And a thriving and culturally rich downtown in the heart of the east bay will benefit everybody for generations to come.

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Neighborhood Focus: Maxwell Park Homes

Located in the hilly foothills of Oakland west of Mills College, Maxwell Park was once a land of ranches, dairies, and farms. Developed into a residential neighborhood in the 1920s, it offered homeowners a variety of architectural styles to choose from including English Tudor, Spanish, Craftsman bungalows, and a unique style created by little known Oakland architect Walter Dixon, called "modest mansions," for regular folks. Dixon, who traveled to Europe to study architecture, set out to design small homes with unique touches like dove-cotes and dormers, features more commonly found on larger, more expensive homes. Today, these unique bungalows are one of the many reasons this quiet, tree-lined neighborhood has become so popular.

Selling your Maxwell Park Home?

Pacita Dimacali is working with a very motivated client that is pre-approved up to \$650K and has written several offers already. He currently lives in San Francisco and works in Oakland and wants to shorten his commute. He is looking for a lovingly remodeled 2 to 3 bedroom home with modern amenities on a quiet street in Maxwell Park. If you know of a property that fits this description and may be up for sale soon, please contact Pacita Dimacali at (510)748-1148.

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Tutass, Herrera team to lead El Cerrito to victory

Supple pitches a perfect game and strikes out 11 to power Albany past Kennedy

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Don Miguel Tutass had 19 kills and Ramon Herrera had 32 assists to lead El Cerrito High School to a 21-25, 25-12, 25-17 win over Albany on March 17. The match was balanced as the teams split the first two

PREP ROUNDUP

games. Then the Grizzlies looked to take control in the third game. "We couldn't get out of our rotation," Gonzalez said. "We were down 9-1. We couldn't serve-receive well."

The Gauchos then got back into their rhythm in the fourth game, and finished strong in the fifth for the win.

Anthony Cunningham had 16 service points for the Gauchos. Michael Hudley added 13 digs.

El Cerrito d. Encinal: Herrera passed for 27 assists and Tutass had 13 kills and 12 service points as the Gauchos (6-1 overall, 4-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) beat the Jets 25-14, 25-22, 25-20 on Tuesday.

BASEBALL

Albany 15, Kennedy 0: Tom Supple pitched a perfect game with 11 strikeouts as the host Cougars topped Kennedy (0-5, 0-1) in the Bay Shore Athletic League opener for both teams on March 16. Jason Bennett hit two doubles and a triple, going 3-for-3 with three runs and two RBI for Albany.

Albany 10, St. Patrick 0: The visiting Cougars (3-2, 2-0 BSAL) received a one-hitter with six strikeouts and no walks from pitcher Jason Bennett, and teammate Zach Babitt went 2-for-3 with two runs and four RBI in the five-inning game Monday. St. Patrick fell to 1-1 in BSAL action.

St. Mary's 13, Piedmont 6: The visiting Panthers (4-2, 1-0 BSAL) scored 10 runs in the fi-

nal four innings on their way to a win over Piedmont (0-4, 0-1) on March 16. Nick Safir slammed a two-run home run in the sixth inning and was 2-for-5 with three RBI for St. Mary's. Teammate Noah Ingram was 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBI.

BOYS GOLF

Hercules 174, El Cerrito 182: The Titans' Kevin Reyes earned medalist honors with a score of 1-over 37 for nine holes in this ACCAL competition at Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules on March 17. Bryce Monomom paced El Cerrito (2-3, 2-2 ACCAL) with a score of 43. Hercules improved to 2-1 in ACCAL action and 2-2 overall.

Piedmont 208, Albany 233: Despite the 3-over 39 performance of Adam Barkow for nine

holes, the Cougars (2-2 BSAL) were unable to overcome the Highlanders at Tilden Golf Course in Berkeley. Piedmont's John Heller was the medalist with an even-par 36.

SOFTBALL

Albany 15, Kennedy 1: The visiting Cougars received two doubles and three RBI from Laura Cannon and two hits, including a triple, and two RBI from Amanda Hansen in their win over Kennedy on March 16.

St. Patrick 11, Albany 1: The host Cougars (1-4, 1-1 BSAL) fell behind 3-0 in the first inning and weren't able to recover on Monday. The Bruins improved to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in BSAL action.

Piedmont 2, St. Mary's 1: The Panthers (2-2, 0-1 BSAL) were edged by the visiting Highlanders

(3-3, 1-0) on March 16. Bijou Felder pitched a two-hitter for St. Mary's and teammate Courtney Moore slammed a triple in the loss.

Berkeley 13, Tennyson 0: The visiting Yellow Jackets' Sarah Newhouse pitched a five-inning no-hitter and teammate Amelia Kurashige-Elliott hit a two-run home run and triple in the win over the Lancers on March 17. Berkeley improved to 4-0.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Berkeley 21, Clayton Valley 0: The Yellow Jackets (2-0, 1-0 Diablo Valley Lacrosse League) received seven goals from Haley Geller and four goals from Mimi Blumenfeld in the convincing victory over the Eagles on March 17.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

CAMPBELL HALL 74, ST. MARY'S 53

Panthers simply have no answers

Campbell Hall-North Hollywood caps perfect season by beating St. Mary's for CIF crown

By Chace Bryson
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Hyped as the game between two very similar boys basketball teams, the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV state championship game Saturday unfolded with several differences between St. Mary's High School and Campbell Hall-North Hollywood. Unfortunately for the Panthers, those differences did not fall in their favor.

Shooting more than 20 percent better from the field and forcing 28 turnovers, the Vikings (22-0) frustrated and eventually overwhelmed St. Mary's 74-53 to become the first undefeated boys state champion since Modesto Christian in 1997.

"We have to give them credit," Panthers coach Manny Nodar said. "They hit their shots, and that's what it's all about. I don't think they played harder or smarter than we did. They just hit their shots and we didn't."

And after playing an entire season under the mantra that nobody beats them twice, the Panthers (29-5) were forced to face harsh reality.

This time there would be no rematch. "We have them scheduled next week," Nodar said jokingly during the postgame news conference. "I think we'd beat them if we played them a second time. That's how much confidence we have in our guys and how much confidence they have in themselves."

On Saturday, it was a confident Campbell Hall team that grabbed a 12-11 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter and would never trail again. The Vikings led 33-22 at the half and never let the Panthers closer than 10 for the entire second half.

In the first half we were a little rattled and shaken by the atmosphere, but once we got the lead, we usually don't give it up," Campbell Hall forward Joe Ford said.



ST. MARY'S Will Brew, right, shoots against Campbell Hall's Conor Turley in the CIF championship game.

KARL MONDON/STAFF

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Gurganious frustrated in finale

By Chace Bryson
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Larry Gurganious' stellar boys basketball career at St. Mary's High School began among state champions. Playing varsity as a freshman in the 2001-02 season, Gurganious was initiated by seniors who won the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV state championship the season before.

Now a senior himself, Gurganious had his own opportunity to lead the Panthers to a state title Saturday.

It almost certainly didn't go as envisioned. Gurganious finished with a double-double in his team's 74-loss to Campbell Hall-North Hollywood at Arco Arena — just the kind of double-double St. Mary's fans have come to expect.

Facing an aggressive Vikings defense, the Gonzaga-bound senior scored 21 points but also finished with an uncharacteristic 16 turnovers.

"The most frustrating thing was my shots weren't falling," said Gurganious, who made just eight of his 20 field goal attempts. "My release felt good and it would look like they were going in, and they just didn't."

In all fairness, he hasn't much faced a defender like University of the Pacific-bound forward Joe Ford. Despite giving up two inches to the 6-foot-6 Gurganious, Ford used his long reach to frustrate the Panthers star by disrupting his crossover dribble and forcing him into off-balance shots.

"We built Gurganious up to be (Michael) Jordan," Campbell Hall coach Terry Kelly said. "We built

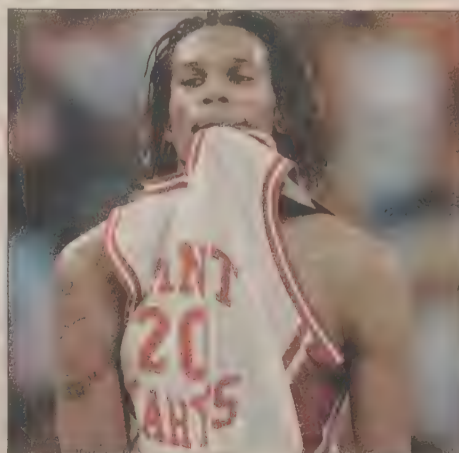
him up to be Jordan in order to motivate Joe. Gurganious is a good player, and he'll have a great career at Gonzaga, but Joe is the best on-ball defender I've coached."

Ford also paced the Vikings offense with a game-high 29 points.

"I just wanted to play my game," Ford said. "(Gurganious) is a good player and (he and I) just went after it."

Left with the frustration of watching his team make just 14 of its 50 shots and commit 28 turnovers, St. Mary's coach Manny Nodar knew he couldn't fault his star.

"You can't blame him," Nodar said. "Larry is one of the guys that got us here, and it's not a negative on him that he wants to be the one to carry this team. He gave everything he had."



ST. MARY'S senior Larry Gurganious scored 21 points in his team's loss to Campbell Hall-North Hollywood in the CIF Division IV championship game.

KARL MONDON/STAFF

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Ex-Cal star takes over at Encinal

Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

SHE'S BACK. Three years after wreaking havoc in front of West County residents as the University of California's top pitcher, Jocelyn Forest has returned to the area to guide Encinal High School's softball team.

Forest took over the Jets' program Monday after second-year coach Dave Williams was forced to step down because of foot problems.

"I am so excited to work with the girls," said Forest, who had her first game rained out Monday and who worked out with the team for the first time Wednesday.

"I can't wait for the ideal conditions."

The last time Forest was in the area, she was a four-year starting pitcher for the Golden Bears and helped guide the Bears to their first softball national title in 2002.

Since then, Forest played professionally for seven months in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and this summer will start her second season with the New England Riptide, one of five teams in the National Pro Fastpitch league.

A native of Orcutt, a small town in the north end of Santa Barbara County, Forest also has spent her weekends since graduating from Cal commuting from Santa Cruz to Alameda to conduct pitching class.

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BSAL NOTEBOOK

Highlanders reload for boys tennis

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

DESPITE LOSING six of its top eight players from a year ago due to graduation, the Piedmont High School boys tennis team is still a heavy favorite to win the Bay Shore Athletic League title.

Coaches in the league say Salesian and St. Mary's probably will battle it out for second and third place.

If that is the case, then the Highlanders are head-and-shoulders above the rest.

Evidence of that occurred in Piedmont's league opener against Salesian. The Chieftains opened in impressive fashion with a 7-0 shutout over John Swett on March 10.

However, Piedmont blanked Salesian 7-0 on March 15.

Piedmont was scheduled to play St. Joseph Notre Dame on March 10, but the Pilots had dropped out of team competition because they did not have enough players. The match was canceled.

The Highlanders lost David Wardlaw and Neil Gong, their No. 2 and 3 singles players from last year, respectively, to graduation.

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BRIEFS

Encinal looking for softball coach

The Encinal High School softball team is in search of a coach. Anyone interested in coaching can contact athletic director Joe Mariscal at 510-521-4159 or 510-919-0048.

Pilots to retire Freitas' jersey

The St. Joseph Notre Dame baseball program will retire the jersey of coach Ray Freitas at noon Saturday at Washington Park in Alameda.

An Alumni game will follow. All Pilots alumni are invited to attend. For more information visit www.eteamz.com/sjndpilots.

baseball.

USA Junior Olympic Baseball needs players

USA Junior Olympic baseball team is looking for players ages 14-16 with high school experience.

USA baseball selects the 16U National Team. 2005 Summer Olympic tournament is June 17-25 in West Palm Beach, Fla. All players on the National Team will compete in the Pan American games. Javier Carrillo, 925-565-4450 or www.antiochsenators.com.

Baseball tournament offered at Alameda High

The North American Youth

Sports spring basketball tournament will be April 1-3 at Alameda High School.

There are brackets for boys and girls grades 5-12. The fee is \$125 per team with a minimum guarantee of two games. For more information, call the hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or Ed Ruiz, 510-532-7301.

Alameda High School Summer Basketball Camp

Alameda High School will offer a summer basketball camp for both boys and girls entering grades fourth through ninth on June 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alameda High gymnasium.

The cost is \$125 for applica-

tions and a \$25 deposit submitted before May 6. The balance of \$125 is due June 6. The regular price is \$150 and goes up to \$175 for those that pay at the door on June 21. The cost includes a camp T-shirt, Hornet basketball, pass to a Hornet home game and 20 plus hours of instruction.

For more information or an application, contact Brad Thomas at 510-865-7063.

Alameda World Team seeks players

Alameda World Team Baseball is looking for skilled 14- and 15-year-olds who may be interested in participating in the World Tournament held in Fresno and also Friendship

Games in Canada in August.

For more information, call Tim Marr, 510-865-6226, or Rich Krinks, 510-512-8709.

Oakland Girls Softball League opening day

Opening day ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday at Owen Jones Field on Redwood Road between Campus and Crestmont. The league is seeking sponsors and volunteers for the 2005 season. 510-339-7268 or www.ogsl.org.

CMMF golf tournament fund-raiser

The Chris Mashburn Memorial Foundation will host a golf tournament fund-raiser April 18

at Discovery Bay Center, 1475 Clubhouse Drive, Emery Bay. \$175 per golfer, foursome. Sponsorships and prizes available. Proceeds enrich the quality of lives through athletics. 0478 www.cmmfoundation.org

Pinole Valley High School tournament

Pinole Valley High School will host a junior varsity basketball tournament March 24-25 at the Pinole Valley Field. All man teams also will play. Games guaranteed. For more information, contact team. Jon Cyr, 510-961-9663.

St. Mary's

FROM PAGE 1

St. Mary's was still in striking distance, down 49-35 heading into the final quarter. But Campbell Hall forced three turnovers in the first two minutes and opened the fourth with a 10-0 run.

"When we're behind, we try and get everything back real quick," Nodar said. "In the second half, we might have began rushing a bit and settling for outside shots."

The Panthers shot just 28 percent (14-for-50) for the game, and connected on just 8 of 28 field goal attempts in the second half. Conversely, on the other end the

floor, the Vikings had little trouble getting the ball in the basket.

Led by the University of the Pacific-bound senior Ford, the Vikings shot an impressive 51 percent (28-for-54) from the field. Ford hit on 11 of 16 shot attempts and finished with a game-high 29 points in addition to a game-high 11 rebounds.

"The tough thing about (guarding) Joe was just getting through all the screens they set for him," St. Mary's forward Larry Gurganious said. "He's a good player, and we were pretty much chasing him around."

The Gonzaga-bound Gurganious had a frustrating afternoon on both ends of the court. While he still finished with team-highs of 21 points and eight rebounds,

he was responsible for 16 of the Panthers' 28 turnovers and shot just 8-for-20 from the field.

"That's not the way we wanted to finish," Gurganious said. "But we competed. ... My teammates did all that they could."

It was the first state championship for Campbell Hall, which also became the first Southern Section team to finish undefeated since Santa Clara-Oxnard in 1990. It was the second trip to the state final for St. Mary's, which won the Division IV championship in 2001.

"One game doesn't make a season," Nodar said. "It was one game. Somebody had to win and somebody had to lose. We lost, but it was still a great season."

ACCAL

FROM PAGE 1

Those classes are how Forest found out about the Encinal opening. A parent of one of her former students informed Forest of the opening.

After receiving the job last week, Forest spent the weekend moving to Berkeley. And in her first practice with the team, she liked what she saw, especially from the pitching staff.

"I am looking forward to working with them," said Forest, who beat Olympian Jennie Finch of Arizona 6-0 behind a one-hit shutout in the 2002 College World Series title game. "From what I have seen, they already have the tools. The mechanics are there and they have a good base."

Encinal's ace, sophomore Vanessa King, is also excited about working with Forest.

"I am already pretty accurate, but I am hoping she can bring my speed up," King said. "I am happy she is here because I can get a different point of view on things."

That perspective started Thursday with an away game against Piedmont. Results were unavailable at press time.

MOVING ON: Robert Sackey has resigned as girls soccer coach at El Cerrito High School. He started coaching at El Cerrito in the 1992-1993 season and the Gauchos have had 10 winning seasons since then. They have earned at-large berths in the North Coast Section playoffs in three of the last four seasons and have had winning Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League records every season since the 1997-98 campaign. Sackey's league record during that span is 54-25-9.

"Sometimes it's good to have a change," Sackey said. "I

think it's time for me to move on.

The off-campus coach is the coaching coordinator for the Alameda Contra Costa Youth Soccer League and is also the technical director for the ACCYL Mavericks club. He also will be visiting Ghana for five weeks this spring to hold soccer camps, coaching clinics and work with the Ghana national teams.

This season, the El Cerrito girls soccer team earned a NCS scholastic championship team award for having a 3.72 team grade point average, which ranked second in Class 2A girls soccer to Piedmont (3.73) and second overall in all NCS winter sports this past season.

"It's good to leave on that note," he said. "I am a Gaucho and always will be a Gaucho."

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this notebook.

BSAL

FROM PAGE 1

No. 1 player Andrew Meyer and No. 2 Mike Wasserman are the only returners from last year's top eight. Wasserman played at No. 4 last year.

The Highlanders advanced to the second round of the NCS playoffs in 2004.

They lost to eventual section champion Mission San Jose. Their only regular-season loss was to Monte Vista, which reached the NCS finals. Piedmont was 20-2.

"Last year was almost a once-in-a-generation team," Piedmont coach Neil Rothenberg said.

"We could've won the whole thing. We lost against Monte Vista and Mission, and they were the teams in the finals."

Rothenberg said this year's Highlanders team may not be as experienced but is talented enough to do some damage in

the playoffs, depending on its draw in the brackets.

It has not yet been determined where the BSAL tournament will be held on April 26-27. Rothenberg and Salesian coach Maureen Cary said they hope it remains at the Harbor Bay Club in Alameda.

Even though St. Joseph does not have a full team, it can host the tournament if it has individuals playing in the event.

CLARIFICATION: NCS commissioner Tom Ehrhorn said late last week that the BSAL is not allowed an automatic bid in the boys volleyball section playoffs because it has only three teams.

A section bylaw states that a league must include at least four teams to qualify for an automatic bid.

The BSAL had five teams before league play, but Kennedy and St. Mary's dropped their boys volleyball programs a week or two before league competition be-

gan.

The remaining BSAL teams (Salesian, St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph) merged with the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

However, matches between BSAL and ACCAL do not count in the league standings.

They still can apply for at-large playoff bids.

MAKING THE GRADE: Piedmont's girls soccer team posted the top grade point average in the NCS among winter sports squads, according to the NCS Web site.

The Highlanders combined for a 3.73 GPA, tops among the section's scholastic award pennants for the winter season.

Piedmont's boys basketball team compiled a 3.41 GPA and the boys soccer team had a 3.37.

Albany's girls soccer team had a 3.63 GPA and the Cougars boys basketball team had a 3.22.

FINAL PREP BOYS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	St. Mary's	29-5	Averages earlier loss to Marin Catholic to win Division IV
2.	Newark Memorial	28-5	Loses to eventual Division I state finalist Serra-San Mateo
3.	Berkeley	26-4	Upsets Newark Memorial to win first NCS Division I championship
4.	San Ramon Valley	26-4	Wolves lose a heartbreaker to eventual Division II state runner-up
5.	Castlemont	23-10	Comes out of nowhere to nearly win Division I Northern regional
6.	Campolindo	26-6	Upstart Cougars win four playoff games by five points or less
7.	De La Salle	23-5	Spartans ousted by Berkeley in NCS Division I semifinals
8.	Salesian	23-7	After winning eight straight, Chieftains lose two of last three
9.	San Leandro	24-4	Has nine-game winning streak halted by Newark Memorial
10.	Bishop O'Dowd	21-10	Dragons upset by Campolindo 63-58 in NCS Division II semifinals

Other receiving votes: Deer Valley (19-8). The prep boys basketball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools.

FINAL PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Piedmont	32-2	Beats Brentwood-LA. in record fashion to win second straight Division I championship
2.	Oakland Tech	22-6	Free throw with 5.3 seconds left gives Bulldogs another Division I state championship
3.	Carondelet	28-4	Cold second half leads to 16-point loss in Northern regional Division I semifinals
4.	Moreau Catholic	29-3	No match for Piedmont in NCS Division IV final
5.	Deer Valley	25-4	Ends Berkeley's nine-year reign as NCS Division I champion
6.	Castlemont	24-4	Knights one-and-done in Northern regional Division I playoffs
7.	Miramonte	27-5	Wins NCS Division III title, gives St. Mary's-Stockton a scare in NorCal
8.	Pinole Valley	28-4	Dream season ends with loss to Archbishop Mitty in Division I regional
9.	St. Mary's	19-10	Loses heartbreaker to Moreau Catholic in NCS Division IV semifinals
10.	El Cerrito	24-7	Lays groundwork for what should be promising 2005-06 season

Other receiving votes: Berkeley (20-11). The girls prep basketball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools.

ON DECK

Prep baseball

■ **Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito in Alhambra Easter Classic**, first round Saturday — The Cougars face Antioch at 10 a.m., the Gauchos battle Liberty at 1 p.m. and the Yellow Jackets play Wheatland at 4 p.m.

Prep girls lacrosse

■ **Berkeley at Piedmont**, 5:30 p.m. Friday — The Yellow Jackets, who made the semifinals of the North Coast Section playoffs and are 2-0

this season at press time, travel to face the Highlanders.

Stars of the week

■ **Tom Supple, Albany baseball** — Supple pitched a five-inning perfect game with 11 strikeouts in a 15-0 victory over Kennedy.

■ **Don Miguel Tutass, El Cerrito boys volleyball** — Tutass had 19 kills and 11 digs in the Gauchos' 21-25, 25-22, 12-25, 27-25, 17-15 win over California, then had 13 kills and 12 service points in El Cerrito's 25-14,

25-22, 25-20 win over Erma.

■ **Nick Safir, St. Mary's boys lacrosse** — Safir hit a two-run home run 2-for-5 with three RBI in the 13-6 win over Piedmont.

■ **Haley Geller, Berkeley girls lacrosse** — Geller scored two goals in the Yellow Jackets' 13-0 win over Clayton Valley.

■ **Sarah Newhouse, Berkeley girls lacrosse** — Newhouse pitched a no-hitter in the Yellow 13-0 win over Tennyson.

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Two sides to 'Melinda'

Woody Allen's new film takes both comic and tragic views

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

WOODY ALLEN has been letting us down so consistently for so long now that anyone who still expects a lot from his new movies is either insanely devoted to the director, overly optimistic as a rule, or an actor, overjoyed to be working with a legend.

But many of us still experience an undeniable surge of hope every time a new Allen film comes along. These are small hopes now: that the director won't embarrass himself, that some heretofore unnoticed actor or actress will shine and that there will be something amusing offered. On this fondly indulgent scale, "Melinda and Melinda" is definitely a success.

It's an actors' union delight, one story told two ways. The framing device is a dinner debate between old friends about the duality of human drama. Given a basic scenario — mysterious woman barges in on a dinner party — a commercially successful comic playwright (Wallace Shawn) and a second playwright who specializes in tragedy (Larry Pine), spin two versions of the tale, one intended to be funny, the other, tragically realistic.

The common thread in the two stories is that the woman, Melinda, is played by the same actress, Radha Mitchell. In both, she's been "ruined" by her passion for a man, but the two versions handle her misery differently. She was a bored Midwestern doctor's wife who had a fling with an Italian photographer, got dumped by the lover and then thrown out by the husband. In the comic version, she shrugs it off and moves, unencumbered, to New York. In the tragic version, she's a self-centered, neurotic mess. Forced to leave behind her two children, she arrives on her college friend's doorstep, broke, chain smoking, suicidal, possibly even homicidal.

There are new love interests waiting for her in both stories. In the comedy, it's Will Ferrell, who, as the bumbling, unemployed actor Hobie, is assigned the generally thankless task of playing the Allen character, which he does with real grace, capturing the appealing gentleness of the early Allen persona better than any of the director's leading men of the last decade, including Allen himself. In the tragedy, it's Chiwetel Ejiofor from "Dirty Pretty Things," as Ellis, a sexy musician who seems too good to be true.

Allen returns to the restaurant occasionally to see what the writer/blowhards are saying (with Shawn in the scene, the reference to "My Dinner with Andre" seems intentional). His interweaving isn't always consistent — he lingers longer in one story than the other — but he gives some good visual and aural clues



IN "MELINDA AND MELINDA," the title character's (Radha Mitchell) story is told two ways. Here she's with Chiwetel Ejiofor.

MOVIE REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Melinda and Melinda"

■ **STARRING:** Will Ferrell, Jonny Lee Miller, Radha Mitchell, Amanda Peet, Chloe Sevigny, Chiwetel Ejiofor

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (adult situations involving sexuality and some substance material)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 39 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters.

■ **GRADE:** B

to keep us grounded. It's spring in the romantic comedy and autumn in the drama. Stravinsky plays in the comedy. As is typical of Allen, everyone, regardless of their storyline, lives in a fabulous apartment (and, trying our patience, they all complain about being poor).

There are also objects and places that appear in both stories — a genielike bottle, the race track, a dark French bistro. Some characters share back stories; Ferrell's unemployed actor is the nice, funny version of Lee, Jonny Lee Miller's nasty, bitter unem-

ploied actor. Both men are supported by their wives; in Hobie's case, by Susan (Amanda Peet), an ambitious young filmmaker and in Lee's by Laurel (Chloe Sevigny, enigmatic as ever), a Park Avenue trust-fund type who shops and gives music lessons here and there.

As a foil to hold it altogether, Mitchell is surprisingly effective. You can tell she knows she's got "the" part, the one that could be her breakthrough. The 1998 indie film "High Art" got her recognized in some quarters, but until "Finding Neverland" last fall, in which she played Johnny Depp's chilly, exasperated wife, she hadn't had a real chance to show her stuff.

She's not sucked into the insecure part, the way so many Allen heroines are, of just putting on the mental Mia Farrow or Diane Keaton costume. Mitchell's Melinda is a pretty, neurotic mess the way they always are, but she's her own distinct car wreck.

The enticing juxtaposition of the two Melindas is Allen's best idea in years. One might presume that the two playwrights are meant to see that there is

tragedy in comedy and vice versa, and that eventually the two scenarios might even merge. On a deeper level, it might be an invitation for us to witness the ongoing battle between morose Woody (the man behind "Interiors" or "September") and frolicking Woody (the imp of "Bananas" or "Sleeper"), the outcome of which might promise some revelations about Allen as auteur.

But wait a minute, that's the ongoing seduction of Allen. He gets us imagining something big and meaningful even when we've told ourselves to keep expectations low.

If these were the ambitions for "Melinda and Melinda," they are unfulfilled. The comedy is merely amusing, the tragedy is too over the top to be taken seriously, and they don't make us think or shed any light on each other.

The film delightfully meanders about, then screeches to a halt, having succeeded only in providing light entertainment.

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Reviews

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"THE PACIFIER": Vin Diesel is a SEAL charged with looking after the kids of a murdered security expert whose wife has gone to Zurich to try to retrieve the family's supersecret missile launch-code encrypting program. There's a troubled teen, a tarty daughter about to fall in with the wrong guy, a cookie-obsessed middle child, a toddler who needs a special dance performed before he'll go to sleep and an infant given to projectile vomiting. Not to mention ninjas busting in and trying to steal the encryption gadget from the house. *Lame?* You bet. — R. Moore. (PG) 1 hour, 31 minutes.

"THE RING TWO": Easily as good as the 2002 blockbuster "The Ring." That pesky hairball of a ghost, Samara, is back and this time, she wants Rachel's (Naomi Watts) young son (David Dorfman). This sends the reporter out on the investigative trail once again. Directed once again by Hideo Nakata, who directed the original Japanese version and its sequel. He brings a fresh visual perspective, making the movie more potentially spooky, and emotionally, keeps the focus on the intriguing subplot about motherhood. — M. Pols (PG-13: violence/terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B

"ROBOTS": A kids' movie about robots, entirely generated by computer. Where's the humanity? Well, it surfaces too often in the form of crude, adult-oriented humor and violence. That's unfortunate, because the underlying themes (preservation, the vagaries of capitalism) are so clever and worthy. Boy robot from a blue-collar family (voiced by Ewan McGregor) hopes to go to work for his hero, a famous inventor. He discovers the inventor has been given a golden parachute and the new CEO has nefarious plans to stop manufacturing replacement parts for old robots. — M. Pols. (PG: some brief language and suggestive humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C+

"SCHULTZ GETS THE LAST WORD": In this quietly whimsical comedy, a lonely German person (played by a man with a passion for the Louisiana State University football team) meets the title character (played by a man who has been laid off from work at a law firm). He returns home to a wife who has the shadow of a stag head on her face. He joylessly practices the violin. When by chance he meets a girl who plays the violin, he joylessly practices the violin. When by chance he meets a girl who plays the violin, he joylessly practices the violin. — M. Pols. (PG: mild profanity, some strong language, some nudity.) 2 hours, 44 minutes. B

"SIDEWAYS": Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church are very different middle-aged men on a road trip through the French wine country in 1983. It's a perfect movie from director Alexander Payne ("Electron," "About a Boy"). Wickedly funny, poignant, too. — M. Pols. (PG: some strong language, some nudity.) 2 hours, 44 minutes. A

"STEAMBOAT": This amazing fantastical historic adventure, the Industrial Revolution's first Verne-style exercise in science and politics, is a masterpiece. Otomo (who made the anime "Akira" in 1988) gives us an action piece about a steam ball energy source that threatens to turn Victorian into a 19th-century version of the killing fields of World War I. — R. Moore. (PG-13: some violence.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B

"THE UPSIDE OF ANGER": A tender tale of a middle-aged woman (Joan Allen) who, after her longtime husband, a bottle of gin and a marriage rage. Written by Mike Birbiglia, Allen, but he seems to have a grip on his male character's women. The real love is Kevin Costner, who played best love interest in years. — M. Pols. (PG: sexual situations, some violence, some drug use.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

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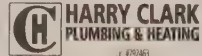


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CENTRAL WORKS THEATRE ENSEMBLE — CLOSING — "Enemy Combatant: The Story of an American Traitor," Feb. 19 through March 26. A new drama about the case of John Walker Lindh, the so-called "American Taliban." Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$8 to \$20.
 Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

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 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — OPENING — "Proof" by David Auburn, April 1 through May 7. A whodunit about sex, love, sibling rivalry and betrayal, revolving around a loyal daughter who is taking care of her father, an insane mathematician. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 10, April 24 and May 1, 2:30 p.m. \$13.
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ASHKENAZ — Native Elements, Dr. Masseur, Sandfly, March 25, 9:30 p.m. Rocking reggae. \$10.
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Dhol Patrol, March 31, 9 p.m. Bhangra and pan-Arabic beats and breaks. \$8. Select shows offer \$2 off regular admission for students. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

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Holy Week

SERVICES

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 24	Maundy Thursday Supper	6 p.m.
March 24	Maundy Thursday Service	7 p.m.
March 25	Good Friday Service	7 p.m.
March 27	Easter Sunrise Service	7 a.m.
March 27	Easter Breakfast	7:45 a.m.
March 27	Children's Service	9 a.m.
March 27	Easter Worship Service	10 a.m.

Pastor, Roger Bauer

910 Santa Clara Ave., Wheelchair, Accessible 523-0659



First Covenant Church, Oakland

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Communion
March 24 - 7:30 p.m.
Remembering the Last Supper and
crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday - March 27
Four celebrations of the resurrection
of Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Nursery/toddler care ■ Parking
church located on hill next to Safeway, Lincoln Square

First Covenant Church
4000 Redwood Road, Oakland 94619
(510) 531-5244 ■ www.oaklandfcc.org

**Spirits renewed!
Hope restored!
Life affirmed!**

Your presence is welcome
at the Easter Sunday Celebration
10:00 a.m.

Montclair United Methodist Church

2162 Mountain Blvd.
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114 Montecito Ave. at Grand Ave. (near Harrison)
Oakland (510) 834-4314

The Rev. John H. Eastwood

GOOD FRIDAY 12-3

8:00 a.m. The Exsultet and Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Family Service

10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

9 & 11:30 Easter Brunch

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 a.m. Service

St. John's Episcopal Church
"Where all are welcome at God's Table"
1707 Gouldin Road Oakland, CA 94611
510-339-2200 stjohnoakland.org

2005 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday, March 23
Requiem Eucharist: In Remembrance of Departed Family and Friends
Simple Lunch
Tenebrae Service

Tuesday, March 24
Supper
Eucharist: Washing of the Feet; Stripping of the Altar

Wednesday, March 25
Good Friday Liturgy and Procession of the Cross
Meditation; 7 Last Words of Christ; Rite of Reconciliation
Preparatory Music; Stabat Mater by Pergolesi
Good Friday Liturgy with Procession of the Cross
Prayer Vigil in the Vestry Room

Thursday, March 26
Easter Vigil Service, held jointly with Christ Church, Alameda,
at 1700 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda CA 94501

Friday, March 27
Eucharist
Family Service with Eucharist
AM Choral Eucharist

Saturday, April 3
Eucharist
Godly Play Presentation, an intergenerational event
Children's Eucharist
Brunch/Godly Play Open House

Children and youth are asked to bring flowers to decorate the cross.
Flower care will be available at all St. John's events this week.

Fri. March 25 at 7:30 pm
Sun. March 27 at 10:00 am

The Resurrection of Christ An Easter Drama

KALEO CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

7700 Mountain Blvd. Oakland, CA 94605
Russell A. Duley, Pastor
Information: (925) 829-3113

College Avenue Presbyterian Church



5951 College Avenue, Oakland
Ch. Ofc. 658-3665;
Pastor's Ofc. 547-3053

A Church where God's love and
purpose is promoted, regardless of race,
politics, age, or church background

HOLY WEEK Offerings

Th 3/24 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Fri 3/25 7:30 p.m. Good Friday

EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 3/27 10:10 a.m.

Meet at Rockridge BART Station for

Bagpipe Band-Led

Easter Processional

10:30 a.m. Worship featuring

Choir, Organ, Brass, Bagpipe Band

Medley, Entry of 'Empty Cross', A

Message to encourage You to trust

and follow Christ

Rev. Bill Beatty, Pastor

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here!

First Congregational Church of Berkeley

United Church of Christ

Easter Sunday Communion Service 8:00am

Organ and Brass Prelude 9:30am

Easter Celebration 10:00am

Rev. Patricia DeJong, Preaching

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God Is Still Speaking



BAY FARM Community Church

Come and celebrate
the hope that
Easter brings!

EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Easter Services
8am, 9:15am & 10:45am

Complimentary brunch
between services.
Children's gigantic
Easter egg hunt.

Complimentary:
Latte & Mochas,
Traveling Mug, Book and Bible

3189 Mecartney Road • 769-2002
www.bayfarmchurch.org

Join us for Easter at Northbrae
Service at 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn at 10 a.m. prompt!

Northbrae Community Church

A non-denominational church, that welcomes people
from diverse religious heritages

941 The Alameda • Berkeley • 526-3805
(between Marin & Solano)

Easter Services at Piedmont Community Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

• 5:45 pm: Church Dinner

• 7 pm: Tenebrae Worship

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

• 12 noon: Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

• 6:30 am: Sunrise Service

(in the courtyard)

• 9 am & 10:30 am: Festival

Services (in the sanctuary)

PLEASE JOIN US!

No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

God is still speaking

First Congregational Church of Alameda
United Church of Christ

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Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.

1912 Central Avenue (at Chestnut) 522.6012
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Childcare, Sunday School, Wheelchair accessible

Park Boulevard PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

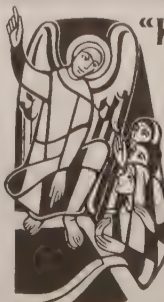
Join Us

March 27 - Easter Sunday

- 9:00 AM Easter Drama in the Park
(In Dimond Park, Wellington St. & Canon Ave.)
- 10:30 AM Easter Service
(Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church,
Park Blvd. & Hampel St.)

4101 Park Blvd., Oakland -
www.pbpc.org
Call 510-530-5311
for more information.

Childcare provided at services



"he is risen!...as he said!"

Celebrate Easter with Us!

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

ON OUR ROSE GARDEN PATIO

7:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Festival Services

WITH CHOIR, FRENCH HORNS, TRUMPET, TIMPANI, & ORGAN

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Request for Special Notice of
the filing of an Inventory
and appraisal of estate assets
or of any petition or
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Section 1560
of the California Probate
Code. A Request for Spe-
cial Notice is available
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Attorney for the
petitioner:
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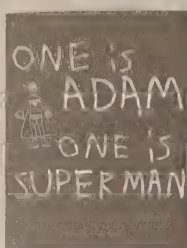
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DOCUMENTING CREATIVITY

Photographer Leon Borenstein shows most of us how to see the Bay Area's centers for disabled artists, or how to know the difference between a "special child" and a "special artist," so he has written a book, "One is Adam, One is Superman" (Chronicle Books, \$40, 128 pages) takes the form of a drawing by Adam Wilson, one of the artists at Creative Growth in Oakland who is disabled.



CHRONICLE BOOKS

The book, was born a "special child," and she has been affiliated with Creative Growth over the years. He began photographing artists there 15 years ago. "I try to portray even the most severely physically or mentally disabled person in an honest, positive and sympathetic light," he says. At first, he aimed for images that were flattering and more dignified, but when his friends saw them, they didn't believe the artists were really disabled.

"I realized then that by trying to portray them in an upbeat, positive and flattering way, I had transformed them into something that they were not," Borenstein says. "I had missed the whole point of this project. Therefore, I decided to be positively objective, not hiding their disabilities but not accentuating them either."

— Robert Taylor

NIAD

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The three centers serve men and women with a variety of disabilities. Some have Down syndrome, the chromosome abnormality that results in mental retardation. Others have spina bifida, a neurological disorder that, along with other symptoms, makes it difficult to relate to other people. Some have been disabled since birth.

Kevin Randolph, who is red, is one of NIAD's "clients," they are called. "Thirty years ago, people like Kevin would have been in an institution," says Randolph. But Kevin Randolph is to live in a group home in Fremont, and for more than 20 years, develop as an artist. "I'm a musician myself," he says, "and I'm very happy in doing something from an artistic standpoint that connects to his self-worth, and the community. I'm very proud of him. He's started painting with textiles, weaving, it's fabulous. He's got a long list of clients, waiting his work!"

Many of these artists exhibit their work at the disability center. Their work can be snapped up by collectors. Metrus, whose art is sometimes inspired by her dreams, sold five pieces at last month's NIAD. "One collector was ready to piece sight unseen," says Metrus. In fact, the center's executive director.

showcase for a wide range of disabled artists is the "Compelled to Create" at Benicia through April 17. It has more than 100 works by artists who attend five Northern California centers. "I wanted to pick artwork that compelling in its own right, that it had been created by a disabled person or not," says Weller-Renfrow, one of the disabled artists she meets. "There's a tremendous feeling of accomplishment and acceptance" their work is exhibited and she says. "Showing their art

outside the centers makes them part of a larger world. It's the same for any human being, having a life outside of a small environment."

"Outsider art" is the term that has been used to describe work by disabled, mentally ill or simply untrained artists. But Weller-Renfrow says the term is no longer valid.

"These artists are less and less outside the mainstream art establishment," she says. "They're being recognized. Some galleries are taking them on as part of their stable of artists."

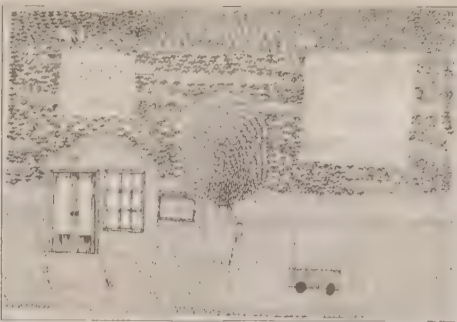
The gallery at Oakland's Creative Growth Center, an expansive space located just off Broadway, certainly had a mainstream atmosphere at the recent opening of its "Optical Illusion" show, which runs through April 15.

Invited guests strolled and mingled, a little dog scrambled around the gallery and a musician played an accordion. There was a vase of tulips at the front desk, Fetzer merlot in small plastic glasses, and those little red dots that indicate "sold" beneath many drawings and paintings.

"We sell mostly overseas, and in New York and Chicago," says Creative Growth's director, Tom di Maria, as he introduces a visitor to the exhibit. Two of the fabric works on display, by Barbara Gohl and Allan Lofberg, were purchased even before they were finished by a curator from the Collection de l'Art Brut museum in Lausanne, Switzerland.

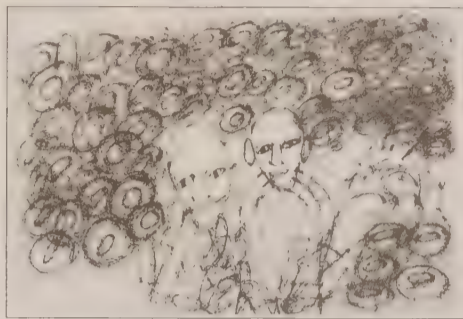
Di Maria also points out works by two of the center's most renowned artists. There are graceful, organic-looking wall sculptures by Donald Mitchell, made from colored wire donated by a telephone company, priced at \$1,100, and big, bulbous, fiber-wrapped sculptures by Judith Scott, priced from \$3,500 to \$5,000. (Scott, who came to Creative Growth in the 1980s and became an internationally renowned fiber artist, died of natural causes last week at the age of 61.)

Usually, half the sale price goes to the artist, half to support the disability art center. "There's a level of seriousness about the art here," di Maria says. "That's not to control it, but we have standards and course



CREATIVE GROWTH

INK ON PAPER WORKS by William Tyler, above, and George Wilson, below, are in the "Optical Illusion" exhibit at the Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland.



EXHIBITS

■ **ARTS BENICIA:** "Compelled to Create," more than 100 works by 35 artists from Northern California art centers for the disabled. Through April 17, noon-4 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, 991 Tyler St., Suite 114, in the Arsenal District, free, 707-747-0131, www.artsbenicia.org. Artists' reception, 2-5 p.m. today. Panel discussion on art and disability, 3-5 p.m. April 9.

■ **JFK UNIVERSITY:** "The Dreaming Mind — The Conscious Mind," a collaboration between Richmond's NIAD Art Center and the JFK University School of Holistic Studies. Monday through March 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, Art and Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Ave. near Ashby, second floor, Berkeley, free, 510-649-0499. Artists' reception, 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

■ **YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS:** "Leon Borenstein and His Friends: A Look at Creative Growth Artists and Their Work," photographs of artists from the Oakland center displayed with their work. Through April 3, noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Sundays, noon-8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 201 Mission St., S.F., \$3-\$6, 415-978-2787.

■ **UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM:** "Blind at the Museum," works by blind and sighted artists about the visual ex-

perience. Through July 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays, lower level gallery, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, \$5-\$10 includes admittance to Rubens painting exhibit, 510-642-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

■ **NIAD ART CENTER:** "Seen, Not Spoken," a collaboration with students from Bentley High School, Lafayette. Through April 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 551 23rd St. near Barrett Avenue, Richmond, free, 510-620-0290, www.niadart.org. Artists' reception, 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

■ **CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER:** "Optical Illusion," optical tricks and three-dimensional visions. Through April 15, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 355 24th St., Oakland, free, 510-836-2340, www.creativegrowth.org.

■ **CREATIVITY EXPLORED:** "The Pink Show" through April 7, "Aliens," April 14-May 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 1-6 p.m. Saturdays, 3245 16th St. (near the 16th Street BART station), S.F., free, 415-863-2108.

■ **ART AT ARC SOLANO:** Ongoing displays at the ARC center that serves the developmentally disabled. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 3272 Sonoma Blvd., Suite 4, Vallejo, free, 707-552-2935.

plans and portfolio reviews. I think you'll find that for most of our artists, there's a clear dedication to their work, an investment of time and style."

Creative Growth artists were commissioned to create 42 textile works using the technique of hooked rugs for an exhibit that opened a New York gallery in January. They're now for sale in the gallery's shop, and di Maria says they will be featured in the first issue of Oprah Winfrey's O at Home magazine.

"Some people feel it somehow exploits the artists when we get involved in sales," di Maria says, "but I've come to believe that attitude is just a prejudice against people with disabilities. They

make terrific art, it's priced right, and no one has been forced to buy it. This doesn't exploit either the buyer or the seller."

Regardless of your viewpoint, there's no disputing outsider art's growing mainstream appeal.

"I'm not quite sure why," di Maria says. "It's a confusing time, and some people may be looking for answers that don't involve any contrivances. There's something pure about 'outsider art' or 'art and disability.' There's a clear connection between the artist and the viewer. It's almost simple and natural."

Reach Robert Taylor at 925-977-8428 or rtaylor@cttimes.com.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. "Cold Service," by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$24.95.)
2. "Ireland," by Frank Delaney. (Harper-Collins, \$26.95.)
3. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)
4. "The Plot Against America," by Philip Roth. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.)
5. "Honeymoon," by James Patterson, Howard Roughan. (Little Brown, \$27.95.)
6. "The Broker," by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.)
7. "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. (FSG, \$23.)
8. "Prep," by Curtis Sittenfeld. (Random House, \$21.95.)
9. "A Thread of Grace," by Mary Dora Russell. (Random House, \$25.95.)
10. "Kafka On the Shore," by Haruki Murakami. (Knopf, \$25.95.)

Nonfiction

1. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)
2. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Viking, \$29.95.)
3. "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.)
4. "French Women Don't Get Fat," by Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, \$22.)
5. "Blood Brother," by Anne Bird. (ReganBooks, \$25.95.)
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AUDITIONS

■ **Act Now** — "Accomplice," 7:30 p.m. March 29 and 30, Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Need two men and two women, ages 30-50. Rehearsals: April-May; performance: July. Dennis Klein, 925-930-9819.

■ **Allene's Artistic School of Dance** — Accepting students (4-teens) ages for classes in tap, ballet, acrobatic and personality singing classes. Perform in various retirement and convalescent homes. Orientation appointment: 925-687-4820.

■ **Belasco Theatre Company** — "Guys and Dolls," Boys 12-18. Singers, dancers and actors. 925-550-2703.

■ **Cantabella Children's Chorus** — Opera "Hansel and Gretel," 4-6 p.m. April 4 and 8-30 p.m. April 5. Singers and actors in grades 4-12. www.cantabella.org.

■ **Contra Costa Children's Chorus** — Placement interviews are now being scheduled for the 2005 spring semester. Boys and girls ages 6-14. Program includes singing of varied repertoire in several languages, sight-singing instruction and performing. 925-945-7101, Ext. 200.

■ **Diablo Women's Chorus** — Welcoming new members. Rehearsals: 7:30 p.m. Mondays for the spring concert. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2317 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek. 925-682-3769.

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■ **Martinez Community Chorus** — Seeking singers of all voice parts for Winter/Spring term and upcoming spring concert. Rehearsals: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Martinez Adult School Auditorium, 600 F St. Dee Wood: 925-687-7053.

■ **Oakland Raiders** — Raiderettes audition, 8 a.m. April 10, Hilton Oakland Airport, One Hegenberger Road. Lovely, enthusiastic and talented young women. Pre-registration is advised. Deadline for pre-registration is April 6. Pre-registration fee \$20; walk-up applicants \$25, cash only. Registration form is available at www.raiderettes.com; 2005 Raiderette Audition Prep Classes, 10 a.m.-noon.

April 2 and 9, McKinley Elementary School, 2150 East 14th St., San Leandro. \$25 fee per class.

■ **Ohlone College** — Summerfest 2005: "Into the Woods," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 16; invited callbacks April 17. Bring picture, resume and 16 bars ballad or 32 bars up-tempo. Reading will be at callbacks. All roles are open to non-union actors. Some paid roles available. Performances: June 30-July 9. 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. 510-659-6207.

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■ **STAGE Troupe** — "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 2 or 9. Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road at Taylor Boulevard, Pleasant Hill. Students, grades 5-college. Prepare a one-minute monologue and be ready to move onstage. Rehearsals: April 16-19. Fee: \$99-\$115. 925-682-0896.

■ **Stars 2000 Teen Theatre Company** — "Kiss Me Kate," 6 p.m. March 25, 7 p.m. March 28 and 6-7 p.m. March 29. Callbacks March 29 and April 1. Ages 13-20. Prepare a song in your key. Bring sheet music. Accompanist will be provided. Dress for movement. Bring tap shoes if you tap (not a requirement). Rehearsals begin mid-June. Performances: July 30-Aug. 8. Appointment only. 925-944-0900, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

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■ **Walnut Creek Concert Band** — Musicians wanted, particularly adult trumpet, cornet and percussionists. Rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays in Walnut Creek. WalnutCreekBand.org. 925-284-1583.

ASSES/WORKSHOPS

■ **Adult Education Center** — Classes 6:30-9 p.m. April 6-May 14, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Oakland. \$55. 925-935-0170, Ext. 0.

■ **Repertory Theatre** — Tarantula Series, free theater workshop for the entire family, 1-3 p.m. April 15 and May 8, Nevo Education, 2071 Addison St. Berkeley. Suggested donation: Bring a book for the Elementary library. 510-647-7000, library@berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Shakespeare Repertory** —

Now accepting registrations for students 8-18 for 2005 Summer Theater Camp. Acceptance based on interview. 510-548-3422, Ext. 127.

■ **Cartoon Art Museum** — Cartooning classes, 1-3 p.m. beginning April 2. Students 6-14. Reservations required. 415-227-8666, Ext. 314.

■ **Golden Notes** — Spring classes and performances March 29-June 7. A senior community chorus meets 10 a.m. Tuesdays. The chorus gives several performances each session. Several

Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane. Register at class. 925-676-5200.

■ **Intimate Theatre** — Acting Classes. An overall view of the Bay Area acting environment. Students will learn how and where to audition. This course is intended for stage and film (video) acting. 2363 Boulevard Circle, Suite 106, Walnut Creek. \$80 per month. 925-943-6252.

■ **Martinez Community Chorus** — Spring term classes March 29-June 7. All voice parts. 7 p.m. Tuesdays. The

chorus performs in concert and community events. Martinez Adult School, 660 F St. Information: Dee Wood, 925-687-7053; registration: 925-228-3276.

■ **Playhouse West Performing Arts** — Spring quarter acting classes for adults begin in April. Improvisation and Voice Training. Scene Study, and On Camera Commercial Acting. Academy classes train students in the Meisner method. Playhouse West Theatre, 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-943-6464.



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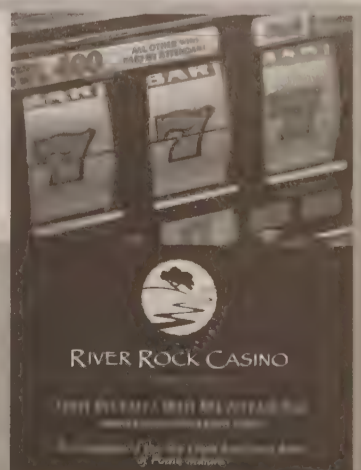
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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

'Fat Albert' lags for adult crowd

"Fat Albert"

I have a confession: I never enjoyed — or even understood — Bill Cosby's "Fat Albert" cartoon series when it originally ran in the 1970s. So my excitement over the prospect of viewing a 90-minute live-action "Fat Albert" film was underwhelming. The movie lived up to my low expectations. It feels like an innocuous cross between a WB sitcom and an overeager after-school special. Fat Albert, played by the talented Kenan Thompson, comes to life by springing out of a television set to help Kyla Pratt with her teenage angst. Kids in the 7- to 13-year-old range will enjoy it, but everyone else is likely to be reaching for the remote. (PG: mild language). 1 hour and 33 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1 1/2 stars
Kids: 3 stars
Teens: 2 stars
Adults: 1 star
Seniors: 1/2 star

Should you rent it? No. A threadbare story with scant laughs.

"Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"

Here's one in the noble tradition of "Dude, Where's My Car?" and "Dazed and Confused." Harold and Kumar are twentysomethings (who, refreshingly, are not blue-eyed Anglos) who spend Friday night smoking pot and embarking on an epic quest for a White Castle hamburger to satisfy their munchies. This is a dumb movie. In fact, it's meant to be a dumb movie. And it still made me laugh — a lot. Rated R in the theaters, the studio annoyingly opted to release an "extreme" unrated version (read: NC-17) for the DVD. Your 16-year-old is safe watching the film, but it's too raunchy for anyone younger. Seniors and more mature adults are likely to be repulsed. (Unrated: strong language, drug use and nudity). 1 hour and 28 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 1/2 stars
Kids: 1/2 star
Teens: 3 stars
Adults: 2 1/2 stars
Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? Yes. Leave your good taste behind and prepare for lots of crude laughs.

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"

Imagine combining "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones," "Jurassic Park" and "Buck Rogers" into one film. Now imagine that you use only the lame parts of those classic films and you'd have "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow." Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow traipse around the world fighting evil robots in order to stop the archetypal mad scientist (complete with German accent) from blowing up the world. The special effects are simultaneously technically impressive, uninspiring and dark. Despite the retro Saturday matinee serial look and 1930s setting, seniors aren't likely to find much here to feel nostalgic about. The end of the Earth theme makes it best for kids over 8, but don't subject them — or yourself — to this pointless film. (PG: violence and mild language). 1 hour and 46 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1 1/2 stars
Kids: 1 1/2 stars
Teens: 2 stars
Adults: 1 star
Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? No. The film is a triumph of technology over plot.

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ARTIST BEVERLY "BUBBA" TRIEBER, 83, stands in front of his piece titled "Yellow Door" in the Richmond gallery of the National Institute of Art and Disabilities

'Outsider art' becoming in

■ Disabled artists are finding personal growth as well as gallery space

By Robert Taylor
STAFF WRITER

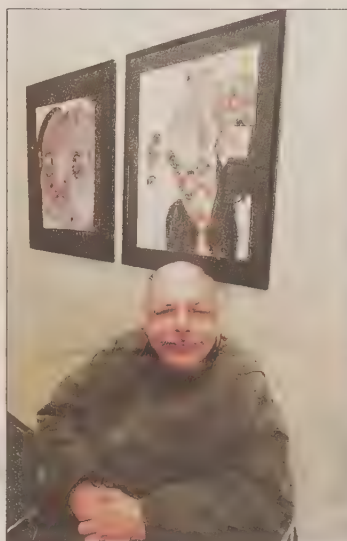
Some artists are reluctant to show their new paintings to outsiders, but not Dorian Reid. She picks up the rolled canvas, walks to the sunny courtyard outside the Richmond workshop where she paints, and unfurls a wall hanging depicting an iridescent dragon.

It's her first painting of a dragon, but then she's just finished her first sculpture, too, a wood construction based on tsunami images she'd seen on television.

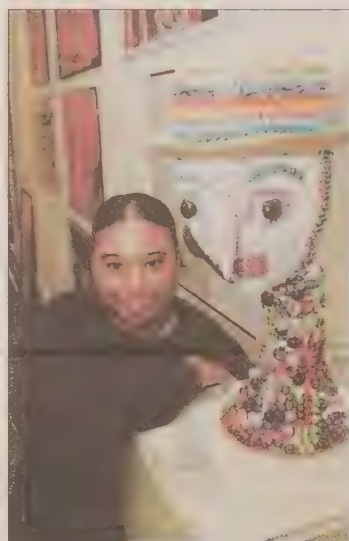
"Usually, I don't know what I can do — I'm just challenging myself," she says, with a real sense of excitement at the prospects. "I did 105 cats. One of them sold, so now I have 104."

Her cat paintings — caricatures that look both charming and wild — were highlights of a gallery show last month at NIAD, the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, the center where Reid spends weekdays immersed in art. She is among the more than 200 disabled men and women developing lives as artists in three art centers, established by psychologist Elias Katz and his late wife, painter Florence Ludins-Katz 20 and 30 years ago in Oakland, Richmond and San Francisco. Creative Growth opened in 1975 in Oakland. NIAD in Richmond and Creativity Explored in San Francisco followed in the early 1980s.

Since then, this type of "outsider art" has taken on a life of its own. Works by disabled artists are on display in adventurous



ARTIST DAVID MARTIN, left, contributed pastel drawings to the Richmond gallery. Shana Harper's piece is called "Glamour Boy."



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

mainstream galleries and museums — including four this month in the Bay Area.

Whatever this newfound attention means to galleries and collectors, it means even more to people like Reid, who was born with brain damage that limits her visual perception.

"Dori is relatively high-functioning," explains her mother, Betty Reid Soskin of Richmond. "She has had a series of sort of meaningless jobs — dog grooming, collating papers at a copy center, stocking shelves. Nothing

that was challenging in any way. Every day was like any other.

"Now she's excited about her work, uninhibited in her art," Reid Soskin says. "It's a world that provides some growth for her. Dori's art gives me a way of learning how she sees what she sees. These are windows into Dori, and it's something I only see through her art."

This isn't art therapy, explains NIAD's executive director, Pat Coleman. The guiding spirit of these programs, reflected in the name of the Oakland center, is "creative growth."

"The Katzes' philosophy was that a person's creative genius can manifest itself regardless of the vehicle, the body," Coleman says. "If you have Down syndrome, does that mean you can't be an artist? Not at all. Some of the people who are most disabled are the most powerful artists."

Andres Cisneros-Galindo, NIAD's primary art instructor, agrees. "Intellectual ability has very little to do with creativity," he says. "Sometimes it's a hindrance."

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Rambling over the potholes of memory lane

IT WAS ONLY a month ago that the Oscars burst out of our TV sets, or "monitors" if you have audio and video inputs and a resident teenager, like Parker at our place, to explain exactly what they're for.

Anyway, I'm already having trouble remembering who won what this year. I even had trouble on Oscar night, when Cate Blanchett won for Best Supporting Actress and I couldn't remember it a half hour later. (She played Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator.")

I suppose my memory isn't shot completely. I still remember this year's Oscar fashion crimes, especially those committed by my favorite actors. Like Laura Linney — dress fine, but what's up with the Spot-the-dog eye makeup and the hairstyle of a golden retriever leaning out the window of a speeding pickup? Or Renée Zellweger, apparently forced by her Jaws-of-Life gown to sacrifice such helpful red-carpet functions as walking. And breathing. On the



ROBERT MENZIMER
Life Is a Movie

other hand, there was Annette Bening, whom not even the egg-beater hairdo could mess up. And Hillary Swank, whom I've always thought of as more scary than gorgeous, but nonetheless: va-va-voom.

We forget some actors because they really do disappear, like Gwyneth Paltrow, who used to be nominated for everything and then apparently drove away down Sunset Boulevard for good to tend a family tree branch with an Apple on it.

Meantime, there are actors who, regretfully, we wish would drive away if they're not going to pick material worthy of their talents. For example, Adrien Brody, who crested like a big wave first in "The Pianist" and then all over Halle Berry when

she handed him his Oscar, but then inexplicably showed up as one of "The Village" idiots and now for some reason appears to be getting shoved repeatedly into a mortuary icebox in "The Jacket," even though he seems fully capable of pointing out to Dr. Kris Kristofferson that he's not, you know, dead.

Still, we don't forget everybody. Some actors go away but then help us out by coming back. Take Russell Crowe, who blasted onto our movie screens in "L.A. Confidential" (who was that guy?), rode roughshod over our faltering resistance in "Gladiator" (give us more of that guy), won the heart tug o' war hands down in "A Beautiful Mind" (can that guy run for president?) but lost the Oscar that year to (do you remember to whom?). Next he popped up on our poop deck in "Master and Commander," then sank out of sight for a year. Now he's back, in "Cinderella Man" (oh yeah, Russell Crowe, I almost forgot about him).

Or take Marisa Tomei. And if you don't, I will.

The point, if I have one, is that if these actors are not in a new movie approximately every five minutes (meaning, if they're not Nicole Kidman), we tend to forget about them, and I'm always wondering if that's good or bad. It could mean we have our priorities straight, or maybe we're just busy going to work and watching "Survivor." But I suspect it means we've developed the attention span of an acorn.

Oh, before I forget, the guy who beat out Russell Crowe for an Oscar in 2002 was Denzel Washington, for "Training Day." And where's he been lately?

I guess all my memory cells aren't crumbling. For instance, I haven't forgotten what the audio and video inputs are for on our TV set ... I mean, "monitor." But that's mostly because I never learned what they were for in the first place. After all, I can just ask my son Porter. I mean, Parker.

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Berkeley serves French

THERE ARE a few French restaurants in Berkeley, but most of us like the French dressing at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre. The word "repertoire" defines — right or at least to some — that is fluff.

And that brings us to the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, which has served up dishes in succession. "For Better or for Worse" starring Geoff Hoyle in the title role and adapting Georges Feydeau's farces, is currently running through April 24 on Stage.

A limited engagement, Charles L. Mee's "The Night" occupied the Berkeley Theatre during February. To no one's surprise, the hilarious "better" current offering, the delightful "The Frenchman's Boy" starring Amy Poehler and a gagging cast. In addition, play role, Hoyle's character of a college with a hugely comic of things, is worthy of a moment into a show of

The nag is not the scenic designer. Her elegant set, dominated by the Eiffel Tower, David Kay Mickelson costume designs it sandwiched in between satisfying slices of bread — theatrically. And the basis of the deau's comedy material.

The French man — give him that. But around a snappy man has all the novelty of ersos, a situation of the golden days of ring Don Ameche and Langford. And even if they never had the Don, they never had the head, as does the "... or Worse."

People laughed at everybody. But it was in the same way and league as a parallel time baggy-pants but is it Berkeley Rep?

The same question asked about "The Frenchman's Boy" costumed. Sharply, there was less a play in the national sense than in the show of French past, cleansed of the back connotation, of course. Theater's news release "naughty valentines," "strong language" and explicit sexual activity. True. And as isolated and unstrategic sense. Even Mee as saying: "Dore about Paris was a keeping a diary or an album so that I could pleasures of my own."

There's nothing about these musicals matter of substance happens that's due to the of the two amusements in the season. It's the last French comedy serving two courses — dessert courses — and banquet that straddles intellectually nourishing "The Secret in the Walls" and "Pocahontas."

After "For Better or for Worse" the Berkeley Repertory Theatre's 2004-05 season anticipated heavyweights "The People's Temple" and "The Frenchman's Boy" stories from journalism, and "Honor" commended dramatic the question is: to last a lifetime?

Maybe the French we've been through spring break at Berkeley Rep U. Maybe we're breather.

Reach Jack Tucker at 2768 or jtucker@berkeleyrep.org

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Section D

BY JON ROSNER
SECTION EDITOR

THROUGH THE GEARS

A silver Chrysler PT convertible is shown from a side profile, parked on a paved road. The car's top is down, and it features multi-spoke alloy wheels. In the background, there is a steep, rocky cliff face and a glimpse of the ocean under a clear sky.

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CLASSIC CLASSICS

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

For three consecutive years in the mid-1950s, Ford Motor Co. teased Gay Schader of Philadelphia with two-seat Thunderbirds. The young wife with two children knew that the 1955, '56 and '57 Thunderbirds were too expensive and too small for her family, but those minor matters didn't keep her from dreaming — for half a century.

By the new millennium Schader and her husband, Byron, had retired to Palm Beach, Fla. In the summer of 2004, the couple was in Pennsylvania visiting their adult children when Schader's daughter, Jill Powell, knowing of her mother's love for two-seat Thunderbirds, lured her to New Hope, Pa., where the Buckingham Land Preservation Fund was conducting a fund raiser. They were raffling off a dusk rose 1957 Thunderbird with round portholes and a colonial white removable top.

One-hundred dollars would buy 180 raffle tickets, so Schader and her

daughter both took the plunge. Surely, they thought, 360 tickets would guarantee a winning ticket for "My favorite car of all time," Schader hoped. Not so.

The raffle winner had the option of taking the car or a cash prize. Fortunately, this particular winner was not a car lover and took the money. "Oh well, we tried," uttered disappointed mother and daughter after the raffle.

Unbeknownst to Schader, her daughter contacted her brother, Randolph, and her father. The three of them each contributed to a common pot to buy the car.

A few days before Schader and her husband were to return to Florida, her daughter coaxed her out to where the Thunderbird was stored. As mother and daughter walked around the building, there sat the pink T-Bird tied up with a big red bow.

"Happy birthday, Mom!" her daughter exclaimed — although that date was months away.

The 3,145-pound car, which was purchased Oct. 1, 2004, was picked up by a trucking company Oct. 12, and was delivered to their Florida home Oct. 17.

Schader was amazed at the con-

dition of the car after the trip. "It was immaculately clean," she says. "The first thing I did was go in the garage and I walked and walked and walked around it." Schader reports.

Schader has learned that 21,380 Thunderbirds were manufactured in 1957 and each carried a base price of \$3,408. Hers was originally sold in Hollywood, Calif.

Schader says her car was professionally restored in 1999 by Sue Smith, past president of the Classic Thunderbird Club International. Factory options on the car include: tinted glass, power steering, power windows, full wheel covers, 312-cubic-inch V8 engine, automatic transmission, and Firestone white sidewall tires.

Upon transporting the car to sunny Palm Beach, Schader says, "I added air conditioning, seat belts and power brakes." Schader admits that two items on her Thunderbird aren't authentic. She says the beige carpet is a better quality than the original and the trunk is carpeted with the same material. Besides the carpet, the outside wing windows have orchids etched in the glass.

She finds that the 102-inch wheel-



1957 THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE caught Gay Schader's eye 50 years ago. Now, thanks to her husband and grown children, she owns the car of her dreams.

base provides a nimbleness that many modern cars cannot. Still, whenever she takes the car out to run an errand, she must allow extra time for admiring passersby who want to ask her questions about the spectacular Thunderbird.

Schader says, "The car runs like the day it was produced." To keep it

running and looking that way in the salty ocean atmosphere in which the car exists, she has some self-imposed rules. "I have it waxed every six weeks inside and out," she says.

Additionally, she says, "I never take it off the island and the car is not allowed out at night or in the rain."

Schader is living evidence that

dreams can come true.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal view), brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abaco, Vienna, Va. 22181. Good quality will be considered.

Gas gauge operates like a toilet tank float

AUTO DOCTOR

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: My question is about gas gauges. Why is it that when I fill the gas tank it takes a long time for the gauge to go down to half full? Once the gauge is at half full, the gauge seems to drop down much faster from half to empty than from full to half. **John**

Dear John: Gas gauges work like a float in a toilet. When the gasoline level is full, the gauge reads full. As the gas level drops the float also drops. Some gas gauges are more accurate than others. There is no defect or problem with the gauge. In addition, I recommend you never let the fuel level go below half full. Today's computerized vehicles monitor the fuel level. When the level goes below half full, the computer will actually re-program fuel engine management to a richer state to compensate for the fuel pump possibly sucking air instead of fuel.

Dear Doctor: I have been running an auto repair business for 10 years. I always read your column. I'm having difficulty getting technical repair information on problems with late model vehicles. How do you get your repair information on problem vehicles? I can sometimes get help from a few of the local dealers where I buy parts. I also subscribe to Alldata. **Roger**

Dear Roger: We service many makes of vehicles. I often need additional information on a repair not

found in our Alldata information source. I rely on a company called Identifix. This is a repair service hot line for auto shops and technicians only. The company has technicians who specialize in particular vehicle makes. I have used the service for more than six years with 100 percent success. I have arranged for technicians only who read this column for a one-time no charge vehicle information repair service. The toll free number to JR Ewing is 800-997-1674 ext. 2033. If you are a technician in need of informational assistance, Identifix should be your next call.

Dear Doctor: We own a 2001 Pontiac Grand Am and a 2002 Chevrolet Malibu. They both have the same problem. Both will sometimes not start and I have to disconnect the battery, with the ignition key left in the "on" position to re-program the computer. It seems like the cars lose their memories. **Richard**

Dear Richard: More information is needed to correctly answer your question. However, I suggest the auto shop check, remove, and clean each vehicle's battery terminal connections at the engine and battery. A battery load test also needs to be done. I personally have had a lot of faulty ignition cylinders at our shop. This seems to be a common failure in a lot of GM vehicles.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, an ex-police car, that now has 112,000 miles. The engine pings, and it is worse in hot weather. I use of premium gas to lessen the ping. **Carl**

Dear Carl: First, check the EGR valve and passageways. A common problem is carbon build-up. I find removal of the throttle plenum and cleaning of the EGR passageways will usually take care of the ping problem. The EGR system must operate at 100 percent.

Dear Doctor: I have a question regarding the purchase of a new car. I own an 11-year-old Mercedes E320. I'm considering a new Lexus, another E-Class Mercedes, or Cadillac STS. Living in Washington I would like all-wheel drive. Before the Mercedes, I owned two Cadillacs and found the quality poor. I have heard many complaints on the quality of new Mercedes vehicles. Do you think all-wheel drive is worth the extra money? I keep my cars about 10 years. **Umesh**

Dear Umesh: The vehicle you buy will end up being your personal preference. The one car you did not mention is the Acura RL 300-horsepower all-wheel drive four-door sedan.

I recently spent one week in the 2005 Acura. The car was a joy to drive and handled great in the snow. Fit, finish and quality were as good as it gets. The car is made in Japan. It does require premium gasoline. As for quality issues of to-

Acura

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tailer, wider and heavier, but still svelte.

The dash is now covered in soft black rubber, the door panels are in the latest style and the seats are not only comfortable and support-

day's vehicles, there are some concerns that the manufacturers are addressing.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Volkswagen Passat. The owner's manual advises changing the brake fluid every two years.

My local shop says it is not necessary, as they checked the fluid and said it was clean. The shop has been servicing my cars for years. What do you suggest? **Harriet**

Dear Harriet: Changing the brake fluid every two years prevents moisture from accumulating in the system.

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ive, but look smart. The back-seat is still best left to flexible teenagers. This is a big move upmarket from the Integra Type R.

The handling of the RSX Type S is sharp and precise. That 8,000 rpm engine still loves to sing an aria, and the shifter can be slotted from gear to gear with single finger taps through the close-ratio six speed box. The Integra R was a speed demon, the RSX Type S is not, it's heavier, but it's still as smooth as melting butter. The RSX S feels balanced and controlled on every road. Added features mean that the car offers the amenities that will attract adult buyers.

Fit and finish along with acceleration, ride, handling and braking

are top notch. And it's something rarely found in these cars — character, individuality, and true driver appeal.

Are there any drawbacks? Getting the kids in and out of safety seats reminds me of people with small children. The RSX Type S is in a position, with a 110 mph top speed, to show 60 mph in a night spot. And the engine is light, but 3,500 rpm does not quality as being ideal for highway use.

The RSX Type S is a coupe that returns a mileage and should not visit the shop for major servicing.

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Honda introduces the 2006 Ridgeline pickup truck

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BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

The competitive pickup truck market make room for a newcomer — from automaker who casts a very long shadow: Honda introduces the 2006 Ridgeline.

My sister looked over the Honda pickup when I pulled up to her drive. She looked in, took a quick glance around, and at me and flatly stated, "It's a truck." Ouch, what a bruising remark. But I said nothing — just made a small note of it. My sister is a non-nonsense, straight-talker. She and her husband are "Buy American" brand-loyal consumers. She drives a Chrysler minivan. He drives a Ford F-350. Honda is going after these people.

"We are not going after the conventional pickup truck market," I was told by a top Honda executive at the media introduction of the all-new 2006 Ridgeline. Honda is going after Honda buy-

After years of walking out its own Honda-loyal customers' watch of showrooms into the waiting arms of automakers who do build pickup trucks, Honda has finally decided to get into the

pickup truck market. People who love the Accord are going to love the Ridgeline.

One of the first things I noticed when turning over the ignition of the Ridgeline was how much it sounded like the Accord sedan. The Ridgeline does not have a "trucky" sound, or a "trucky" ride. The all-wheel drive pickup is built on its own all-new designated platform. Honda says the Ridgeline is built with the strength of a ladder frame and the stability of a car platform.

The Ridgeline is built to handle medium-duty truck work. The vehicle is capable of towing 5,000 pounds and has a payload capacity of 1,554 pounds. Inside the cabin, the four-door Ridgeline seats five passengers and offers the spacious comfort of a sport utility vehicle.

Comments I heard repeatedly during my week with the Ridgeline were comparisons with the Chevy Avalanche. There's no getting around this comparison in the mind of the consumer.

There is an unusual visual resemblance located at the Ridgeline's C-pillar to that of the Chevy. Unlike the Avalanche's midgate, the Ridgeline's C-pillar does not open and fold flat to extend the length of the pickup bed. The Ridgeline's C-pillar is designed for aerodynamics, to keep the wind noise down at highway speeds.

The Ridgeline has a 5-foot long pickup bed. The rear gate opens flat, as well as swings open from right to left. On the floor of the pickup bed is an integrated In-Bed Trunk — or a hide-away cargo compartment. Groceries and merchandise can be stored locked and hidden away in the trunk. This trunk can also be used as an ice chest. A built-in hose allows the ice water to drain to the ground.

The Ridgeline is offered in three models: RT, RTS and RTL. Prices start at \$27,700. I drove the top-of-the-line RTL with a base price of \$31,490. The test-vehicle was equipped with the moonroof, XM Satellite Radio and a navigation system, bringing the price to \$34,640.

The midsize Ridgeline is powered by a 24-valve, 3.5-liter V6 engine. It delivers 255 horsepower at 5,750 rpm and 252 foot pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm.

The pickup truck's all-wheel drive system is the Honda VT-M4. It provides front-wheel drive on dry surfaces and engages the all-wheel drive when the system detects slippage, allowing for stability and maneuverability.

The Ridgeline may not appeal to traditional pickup truck buyers, but I'm betting Honda will develop its own core of loyal pickup truck buyers.



2006 HONDA RIDGELINE is a truck that is designed to be appeal to Honda car buyers.

2006 VW Jetta the fun non-appliance automobile

BY G.W. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
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SAN DIEGO — The all-new Jetta isn't for anyone, Volkswagen's top U.S. official declared during the recent national media introduction of the fifth generation of VW's compact sedan.

The Jetta, and other Volkswagens as well, are "not for those into appliance modeling." Len Hunt, vice president and general manager for Volkswagen of America, told automotive journalists who gathered there for their first test-drives of the new Jetta. "We are not for everybody; they're for people who care about taking the long way home," he said. "They are designed for driving."

That's in line with Volkswagen's continuing marketing theme: "On the road of life, we are passengers and drivers. Drivers lead."

Where Toyota sold 426,990 Camrys and Honda 386,770 Accord sedans in 2004, VW sold just 67,600 of its compact Jetta. And that was in spite of the fact that it has been rated the midsize sedan by Consumer Reports.

Total VW sales in the United States were 111 units, including about 2,000 of the luxury car and 27,200 of the Reg sport utility.

The company expects to sell about 100,000 of the new Jetta in its first full year, and how many were sold after the last Jetta makeover, in 1999, a spokesman said.

The Jetta — which confusingly comes out this month as the company's second 2005 Jetta model (the previous generation has been on sale since fall as a 2005 model, as well) — above-average road handling

and edgy styling seem to set it off from the rest of the compact class, which really is mostly about cookie-cutter economy cars for the masses.

For now, the new Jetta is available only with an also-new inline five-cylinder engine, whose rated 150 horsepower and 170 foot-pounds of torque appears to be quite a boost over the previous-generation's 115-horsepower four-cylinder.

VW claims a zero-to-60 mph time of 9.1 seconds (with automatic) and a top speed of 129.3 mph. The base Jetta, with a starting price of about \$18,000 with a manual gearbox and \$19,000 for an automatic, actually is designed for people who might otherwise be satisfied with the four-cylinder power of a base Civic or Corolla.

But for those looking for more excitement, VW will introduce a new 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine in the Jetta by early summer.

Jettas equipped with this engine will be offered with a six-speed manual gearbox, also used in the Audi (Audi is Volkswagen's premium brand.) Also coming later in the model year is the 1.9-liter turbo-diesel engine carried over from the previous Jetta, rated at 100 horsepower and 177 foot-pounds of torque.

As for the base Jetta, for now it will be available with only a six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission. The five-speed manual model will arrive in about two months, the company said. The redesign isn't just a minor cosmetic change, either.

The new Jetta is "significantly larger" than before, with new styling, the additional power, a new electromechanical power-steering system and a new multilink suspension system, said Jetta product manager

Paul Spevitz.

Despite having a New Beetle in its lineup, the Jetta is the continuation of the old Beetle's replacement. The Jetta was introduced in 1980 as VW's new volume seller, and over its 25-year history more than 2.2 million have been sold worldwide.

The new car's improved handling is attributed to the revised suspension and a more rigid body, made possible by the extensive use of high-strength steel, Spevitz said.

Inside, the car is nearly as roomy as some midsize sedans, at 91 cubic feet of space. And the trunk is positively cavernous, larger than that of the midsize Accord and nearly on par with the Camry's, at 18 cubic feet. That's about 3 cubic feet more than in either of the Jetta's two major competitors, the Civic and Corolla.

Extra room was built into the back seat to make the new Jetta comfortable for up to five adults. Legroom has increased by 1.9 inches over the previous model.

Safety features include six standard air bags, including side curtains for front and rear. Active head restraints are standard. Rear-side thorax air bags are optional.

Vehicle stability control is standard on all but the base model, but is offered as a \$280 option on that one.

The base price of \$17,900 (plus \$615 freight) for the "value model" includes the most popular standard equipment, Hunt said. "This is not a stripped-down model."

All Jettas are built at VW's plant in Puebla, Mexico, which has received \$800 million in upgrades, including state-of-the-art robotics, for the new Jetta, the company said. E-mail: chambers@express-news.net

Kids at high risk when cars are backing up too fast

BY TERI SFORZA

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, CALIF. — More than 7,000 children were taken to hospitals after being backed over by vehicles between 2001 and 2003 — and half of those accidents happened at home, according to a report released Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Motor vehicle backover-related injuries are a serious risk to children," it said. Half of the children injured were younger than 4, underscoring the need for parents to keep their eyes on impulsive toddlers when they are present, activists said.

Parents need to make sure children are properly supervised," said Dr. E. Fennell, president of Kids and the only group that tracks backover accidents.

The CDC reviewed data from U.S. emergency rooms and found that 7,475 children age 14 and under were treated

for backover-related injuries. Most injuries were to arms and legs (54 percent) and to the head, face, and neck (28 percent).

Fennell's group tracks fatalities from news and other reports. Just six weeks into 2005, at least nine children have died in backover accidents, she said.

Last year, at least 85 children died; in 2003, at least 91 were lost.

The CDC said simple changes such as fencing off driveways, changes in vehicle design, extra mirrors or sensing devices could reduce the risk of backover-related injuries and should be evaluated.

A review by Consumer Reports found that the blind spot behind cars and SUVs is much greater than many drivers may imagine.

The popular Toyota Camry has a 13-foot blind spot for a driver 5 feet, 8 inches tall. A shorter driver (5 feet, 1 inch tall) has a blind spot of 24 feet. Other studies have linked backover accidents to the popular-

ity of larger SUVs, vans and trucks. Longer, taller vehicles tend to have significantly larger blind spots.

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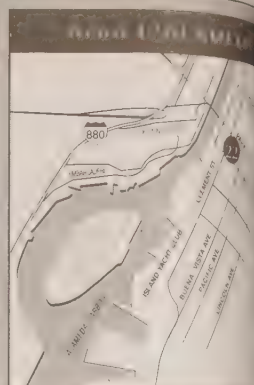
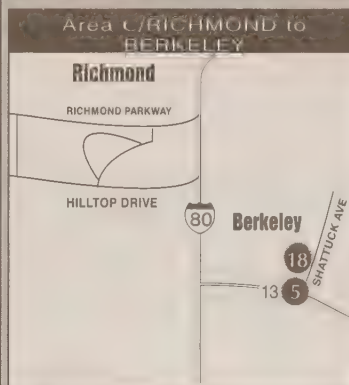
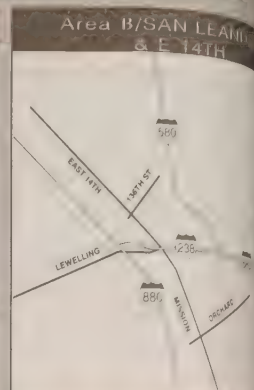
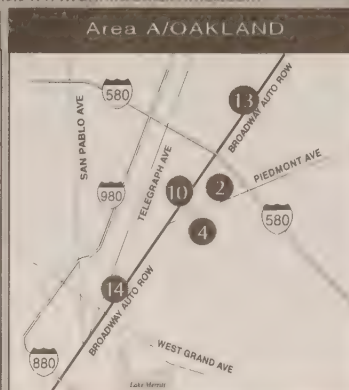
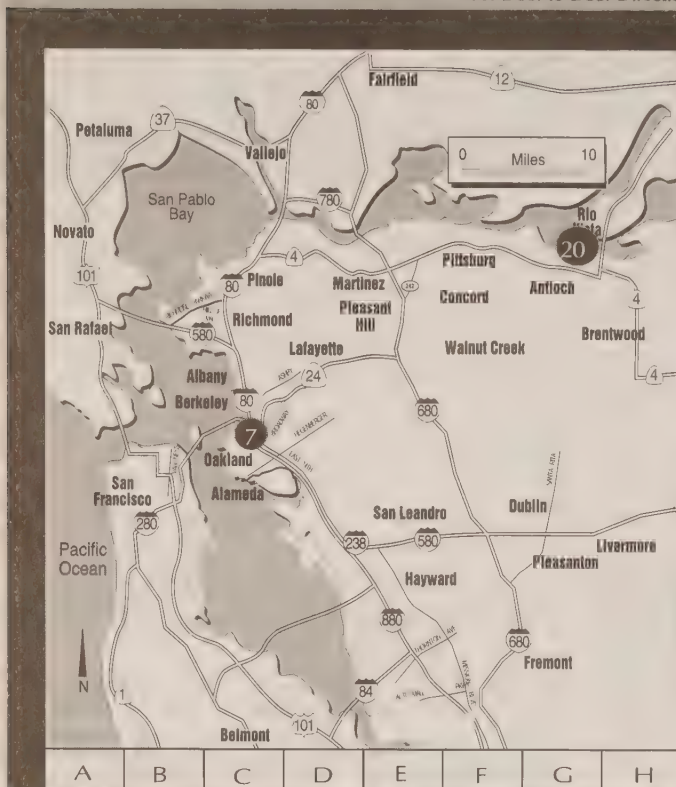
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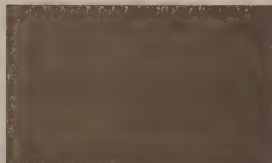
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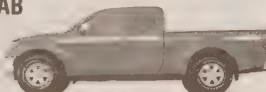
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**BY CHARLYNE VARKONYI
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Polka dots have come full circle. Handbag designer Kate Spade crosses them. Nicole Kidman wore them to the Venice Film Festival. Hermann even put them on a luxury bag of luggage.

Get ready for the home invasion. They're finding their way onto everything from frying pans to wallpaper. You'll find polka dot bakeware, polka dot glass votives and vases, even polka dot cocktail servers and sheets.

How hot are they?

Target.com recently featured a high lamp with big, bold polka dots on a white shade in Red Hot Shop, the part of its site dedicated to cutting-edge

The folks at The Company Store catalog were surprised when the head-count polka dot sets in the January catalog sold out immediately. The catalog is still taking orders, but customers will have to wait until the new stock arrives.

And the new design office for the Walter Thompson advertising agency is sporting pink polka upholstery. Laura Daily, vice president of merchandising for the always fashion forward Ballard Designs catalog, agrees that dots are sizzling. They're a twist on an old classic. Every tap into the return of femininity trend in fashion.

"They are not the polka dots of yesterday," she says. "We did them in chocolate brown and white. It's putting a twist on an old classic. Everyone thinks polka dots are little, when you blow them up big, they come fresh."

Polka dots also look fresh on upholstery of Storehouse's "Lamb Chair," which features a double tapestry in pumpkin, lime and green (\$649). Another new twist on retro dots is the "Polo" wallpaper by Graham & Brown. The paper, which has a hint in the ink to make the background appear shiny, features a double roll, which covers 328 square feet.

The polka dots are really playing the retro look we have seen over the past year," says Andrea Brown, vice president of marketing at Graham & Brown. "It's taking retro and making it a lot more contemporary. It's a funkier, retro look that has interest in the younger market."

Villeroy & Boch is also tapping into the trend with the "Wonderful World Polka Dot," featuring a colorful coffee pot (\$100), creamer (\$45) and covered sugar (\$50) inspired by an archival design. They will be in stores in June.

"Polka-dotted designs are part of the retro craze, and I think it's resurfaced because it makes us feel good," says Isabelle von Boch, eighth-generation descendant of the founders of Villeroy & Boch and the company's spokesperson in the United States. "Polka dots evoke a fun, playful, whimsical spirit."

Whether they evoke a whimsical spirit or ignite retro memories, polka dots don't appear to be going away anytime soon.

Trend guru

Connect with the dots

Interested in getting more information about these polka-dot products? Here are some sources:

Ballard Designs catalog: Fabric, pillows, chandelier shades and upholstered cubes in polka dots are featured. One of the most popular combinations is the big dot cubes in chocolate brown and cream. Call 800-367-2775 or log on www.ballarddesigns.com.

Bialetti: The polka-dot frying pans are available at selected Bed, Bath & Beyond stores or on line at www.bialetti.com.

Graham & Brown: The wallpaper is the Polo pattern. Although some



Michelle Lamb, publisher of The Trend Curve newsletter, says polka dots were all over the Jan. 12-15 Heimtextil, the world's biggest trade fair for home textiles and commercially used textiles in Frankfurt, Germany. Dots were found on shower curtains, towels, sheets and pillows. They were expressed as solid colored discs and concentric circles made of thin lines of small dots.

"I think that dots are playful, and that's why they are working now," she says. "As consumers look for some sort of whimsy to use for stress relief and to balance the increasingly serious world outside, dots fill the bill without going over the top."

patterns are sold at The Home Depot, Lowe's and Sherwin-Williams. Polo is available only by calling 800-554-0887.

Storehouse: The closest stores are in Winter Park and Tampa. To order the chair with multicolored circles, call 888-786-7346 to log on www.storehouse.com.

The Company Store catalog: Call 800-285-3696 or log on www.thecompanystore.com to order the polka-dot sheets. The sheets are on back order, but orders are still being taken.

Villeroy & Boch: The teapot and accessories will be available in June at Burdines-Macy's.



DOTS ARE SIZZLING. They're retro with a twist and they tap into the return to femininity trend in fashion. Shown, Ballard Designs upholstered cubes.

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Rising health costs could overtake retirement income

BY KIM NORRIS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

DETROIT — As 76 million baby boomers surge toward the twilight years of their lives, they would do well to remember one thing: This is not your parents' retirement.

Like the aging bodies they inhabit, the health system boomers will rely on with increasing urgency is crumbling.

Even before they need it, the nation's tax-funded health insurance program for people 65 and older is ailing. Medicare, which insures 40 million seniors, is straining under the costs of a program designed when people didn't live as long and health care options were fewer and less expensive.

Rising costs associated with more expensive technology and medicines — coupled with more use by more people — are draining the Medicare financial reservoir. The consensus among budget watchers and policy makers is the system has to be changed before it goes broke.

Those changes likely would include increases to premiums, fewer benefits and possibly raising the age requirements. But there appears to be a lack of urgency among elected officials to address what many perceive as an issue that will come to a head after they leave office.

"The program is clearly sustainable," says Tricia Neuman, who heads the Medicare division of the Kaiser Family Foundation. "There may have to be changes. Attention hasn't focused on how to care for an aging baby-boom population."

Contrary to common misperceptions, Medicare isn't entirely free. Seniors pay premiums for Part A, which covers inpatient hospital and skilled nursing homes, and for Part B, which covers physician and outpatient services, among other things.

And those costs, like everything else, have risen. In fact, in 2005, the largest premium increase in the 40-year history of Medicare will occur when rates for Part B jump 17.4 percent to \$78.20 a month. Deductibles on Part A will rise 4.1 percent, to \$912 a year.

On top of that, beneficiaries may purchase supplemental insurance to cover costs Medicare doesn't. Prices on those policies vary widely.

Even as the national safety net

frays, the private system of health coverage provided by the nation's employers is unraveling.

Companies that once promised their retirees they would provide for them until death did they part — often encouraging them to retire early in the process — are rethinking their commitments.

They are cutting benefits, asking retirees to pay more and, in increasing numbers, discontinuing retiree health care benefits altogether.

The share of employers offering retiree health benefits has declined from 66 percent in 1988 to 36 percent in 2004, a 2004 Kaiser Family Foundation survey shows. Baby boomers will be less likely than their parents' generation to receive retiree benefits, Neuman said.

"Even when employers are maintaining benefits, retirees are seeing significant increases in premiums and cost sharing, deductibles and co-pays to prescription drugs. Even if retirees are fortunate enough to retain benefits, they can expect to pay more," Neuman said.

Kaiser's annual survey of retiree health benefits showed 79 percent of firms increased their retirees' contributions for premiums in 2004 and 85 percent expect to do it next year. A typical worker under 65 who retired in 2004 paid an average of \$2,244 in premiums for individual coverage and \$4,644 with spousal coverage through their employer.

More ominously, 8 percent of employers surveyed eliminated subsidized benefits for future retirees in 2004, and 11 percent said they are likely to follow suit in 2005.

Today, workers who don't have employer benefits and who retire before they are eligible for Medicare can expect to pay between \$1,200 and \$1,400 a month for coverage, says Ron DeStefano, senior vice president and consulting actuary for Baltimore-based Aon Consulting.

"For younger retirees, it may be difficult to find good, affordable coverage in years just before they qualify for Medicare," Neuman said.

Carol Benedict hopes to retire from her job as principal of Oak Ridge Elementary School in five years when she reaches 60 and has accumulated 30 years of service with the Royal Oak school

system. Because she will be five years shy of Medicare eligibility, Benedict said she wouldn't even be able to consider retiring then if she didn't have the promise of employer-provided health coverage. Both she and her husband, Frank, expect employer coverage to continue after they retire.

Carol Benedict is less confident that Medicare will be there for them than she is that her employer will continue to provide coverage. "We're pretty secure about that, she said.

The Benedicts are conscientious about not being a financial burden on their two children and have been saving for retirement for 25 years. But their fund dedicated to health care costs is more recent and relatively small.

The couple are considering long-term health care policies to provide for them in the event one or both need nursing care in the future.

"It's something you know you're going to have to deal with ... but you're feeling well and you don't want to really think about it," she confessed. "In the same vein, you know you have to save for it, even though you can never save enough. At least my kids will have some money."

If the parents of baby boomers already are pushing the envelope of the public and private payment system, imagine the strain when 76 million more adults move into retirement.

In addition to the sheer volume of the aging boomer population is the undeniable fact that, while people are living longer, they aren't necessarily living healthier. Obesity — and all its accompanying health complications — is at epidemic proportions.

Statistics show the likelihood of having health problems increases after 50. Already, senior citizens, who make up 13 percent of the population, consume a third of prescription drugs. And that segment of the population is about to get much bigger.

If current trends continue, the nation faces a potential scourge of what one generation observer termed "silver-haired velociraptors" with insatiable appetites for health care goods and services. And yet, says Dorothy (Dottie) Deremo, president and CEO of Hospice of Michigan, "These are the good old days."

"If you look at Social Security, there are four people paying into the system for every one" using it. "By 2030, there will be two."

In addition, she noted, for most of history, the average life span was 19. At the turn of the 20th Century it was 46.5 years. Today, it is 80 for men and higher for women.

"For baby boomers — if we live to 50 without any serious chronic illnesses, we probably will live to 100 years of age," Deremo said. "Never, ever in the history of the world, will we have the number of elderly in the world that we will have in the next 20 years."

By 2030, 53 percent of the U.S. population will be 55 years or older, and it will be higher in other countries.

Gratifying as that might seem for those people who want to stick around, Deremo pointed out that "all of our structures — business and work, social, infrastructure — are designed around having more young people than old."

"When I retire I don't know what in the world will be there for me," says Susan Voyles, a self-employed writer in Canton, Mich. "I don't know if Medicare is going to be there. I don't even know if Social Security is going to be there for me."

She and her husband, Ken, would like to retire in another 20 years or so, when they are 66, and follow her parents south if possible. But, before they can even think about that, they have two children ages 12 and 8 to raise and put through college.

Susan Voyles has watched preceding family generations grapple with health care issues. She helped financially with grandparents in nursing homes. Her parents, who divorced and remarried other people, are both approaching 65, the qualifying age for Medicare.

At that time, her widowed father will lose coverage through his former employer, and her mother will be severed from her current husband's company retiree plan.

Ken Voyles has a rare form of arthritis that results in calcification of the spine. One of his medications costs \$1,200 a month, paid for by his company insurance, minus a \$20 co-payment. Medicare doesn't cover medications and the various Medicare supplemental insurance products cover very little. But Medicare reform is sup-

posed to bring more coverage for prescription drugs starting in 2006. But there's a long way to the end of baby boomers' retirement years, and whether there would be enough money to provide benefits is uncertain.

"In the back of our minds, we know we're going to have to somehow fund health care in some form," Voyles said.

That's about as specific as many baby boomers get when it comes to financial planning to fund health care costs in their twilight years.

"The typical retirement approach does not take into account escalating health care costs," said John Rother, chief policy director at the AARP in Washington, D.C. "Hopefully you will know something about your health insurance, whether you will have employer-provided or on your own. But no one knows what health care events they are going to have. Whether you will die in your sleep or live to be 100."

Fran Parker is better versed in health care and its costs than most people. But the president of Health Alliance Plan, who recently turned 50, doesn't have any more answers than anyone else.

"I have a group of friends and we'll get together to exercise and eat, and when we talk about retiring, the single thing we talk about the most is health care and how do you pay for it."

"You have to think about how long do you want to work and how do you bridge the gap between end of employment coverage and Medicare."

Many baby boomers seem to have put their faith in the belief that the health system, like most everything else in the universe, will change to accommodate them. That unflappable optimism is fostered by a generation that — like the proverbial pig in the python — has altered the shape of its environment as it has moved through its long life cycle.

"Do you think maybe we'll have a different system by then?" asks 47-year-old Florence Misuraca, who doubts she would be able to retire at 62 when her husband wants to, partly because of the costs of health care.

The Clinton Township, Mich., couple have been married 11 years. She has been unemployed since June and, if it weren't for her

husband's health plan,

she would have no insurance.

Her husband, Jerry, is a sanguine about the future. "He says, 'I just don't know what's going to happen, but I'm going to have to do a major change' ... and that's about all we talk about," Misuraca says.

It's not an answer, but it's a possibility.

On the other side of the coin, a locum tenens physician who has always been energetic and has been doing fine in his position, there are potential opportunities for crafting a much better life than they need to have. The text of a national dialogue around serious issues. Using the strategy of putting them in the sand is not going to work.

Most people who are thinking about the future, which seems to be everyone these days, are looking for a national approach to providing accessible, affordable health care. It is necessary and possible.

"I'm thinking, by the time I retire, there will be more options because there are HAP's Parker said.

"When Bill Ford said to do something about costs, and GM and Chrysler all say 'I think employers will be able to help come up with it,'"

She noted the federal government wants disease management and prevention initiatives to be on the theory that sure prevent costly events down the road.

"Obviously we're not making much progress in talking about it," said AARP's Parker.

"I tell baby boomers to think the biggest challenge is saving enough money to retire."

She said Social Security's biggest challenge is health care. And how we pay the cost, quality and effect of the health care system to have more to do with quality of life for the rest of the than any other factor."

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Closets and other clues to home color and pattern choices

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Check your closets and then look around your house. If you're like many of interior designer Tracy Price's clients, you'll see the same color combinations in both, especially if you're a redhead, she observes. "Redheads choose either peach or coral with green, tan or brown." Based in Arlington, Va., Price, who is also a decorative painter, wears red and accents her home with shades of it.

The browns and corals in the fabric, Somerset Botanical in Chocolate, would appeal to redheads. It and Meadow Sprites are from The Language of the Garden collection

that Waverly markets and distributes under an exclusive license from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Seek crisp crimson accents? The red butterflies and fireflies in Meadow Sprites, in Antique Gold, would be fitting.

New York interior designer and color consultant Michelle Slovak, allied ASID, cautions, "Not everyone wants to be surrounded by the colors and patterns they wear. For example, I look and feel great in autumn's warm, earthy tones. While I love blue, I don't wear it well, so I accent my home with lots of it." A decorative pillow in Nassau Vine Toile, in Porcelain,

"Choose fabrics and wallpapers that evoke either the serenity or excitement you seek."

—Michelle Slovak, interior designer

could suit.

"In creating a color palette for your home, notice your reaction to every environment, from restaurants and shops to friends' houses," Slovak suggests. "Focus on the colors and patterns. What makes you happy? Maybe it's a garden palette or rich paisleys, stripes and plaids. Choose fabrics and wallpapers that evoke ei-

ther the serenity or excitement you seek." She adds, "It's just as important to know what you don't like."

"When people look at my portfolio, they are attracted to the color, not the image or texture," says Price. "They either like all the blues, reds or neutrals, whether in marbling, graining or a trompe l'oeil effect." She suggests that

home decorators similarly look for consistency to help identify what design elements they like from saved magazine and newspaper clips. "Maybe all the rooms feature black accents, dramatic window treatments or floral bed ensembles. The answers to what you want to achieve are there — look carefully," Price affirms.

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A grill for all seasons

BY ALETA WATSON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

When the weather is cold and wet, only the most intrepid grillers are willing to cook dinner outdoors. That doesn't mean those of us who would rather stay warm and dry have to give up the flavors of grilled food until spring.

Numerous tools have come on the market in recent years to bring grilling back inside, where it began centuries ago. From the ubiquitous George Foreman "lean, mean, fat-reducing grilling machine" to Tuscan-style grills that slide into wood-burning fireplaces, there's a device for anyone who longs for the crisp edges and charred tastes of summer's barbecues.

Almost any recipe you like on the outdoor grill can be prepared inside on relatively inexpensive equipment, though you may have to make a few adjustments. The best recipes for inside grilling involve spicy rubs or assertive marinades and quickly cooked cuts of meat, fish or poultry.

For large roasts, racks of ribs or whole chickens, you need a countertop rotisserie. And only a stove-top smoker will deliver true smoky flavors.

I'd been intrigued by the George Foreman grills for years. More than 60 million of them have been sold since they were introduced by Salton a decade ago with the former heavyweight boxing champion as the pitchman. There are more than two dozen models on the market, from the little two-burger "Champ" to the big, new "Next Griller" with removable grilling plates.

However, most people I knew had done little more than prepare simple chicken breasts and burgers on the countertop appliance. It seemed to appeal most to those who had neither the time nor the inclination to really cook.

When barbecue guru Steven Raichlen took on indoor grilling in his new book this winter, I decided to take the plunge.

Raichlen covers contact grills — a category that takes in the George Foreman and similar but more powerful panini grills, based on Italian sandwich makers — along with freestanding electric grills, built-in grills, stove-top smokers, countertop rotisseries, fireplace grills and low-tech cast-iron grill pans in his book. In the interests of economy, I limited myself to a 1,100-watt George Foreman I picked up for \$31.49 at Kmart and a pre-seasoned Lodge cast-iron pan with raised ridges I found for \$19.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond.

Grilling with George

My first meal was not a success. The thick-cut pork chops I grilled on the George Foreman were dried out before they were done in the middle. That's because they were far too thick for a machine with limited power.

I later learned to use thinner cuts that cook through quickly. Pounded chicken breasts worked much better. So did the simple shrimp-and-mango kebabs marinated in garlic and sherry vinegar and the salmon fillets with a mustard glaze from Foreman's new cookbook, "Indoor Grilling Made Easy" (Workman).

Raichlen's Roman-style artichoke "sunflowers," bathed in olive oil and garlic, flattened and grilled until the leaves were browned and crisp, were terrific. So were his burgers, which picked up smoky flavors from the crumbled bacon

and grated, smoked cheddar cheese stirred into the meat before forming the patties.

The author of six cookbooks on barbecue and grilling, Raichlen takes an ambitious, international approach to grilling indoors. His recipes range from chicken liver yakitori to tapas bar shrimp.

Although outdoor cooking is his first love, Raichlen says he was persuaded to write about indoor grilling by his editor and publisher. They wanted a book for people like themselves, who live in apartments and condominiums and can't grill outdoors.

"There are ways," he says, "to bring the vibrant flavors of the outdoors indoors."

Getting there, though, requires learning the quirks and limitations of your equipment.

The George Foreman machine preheats quickly — less than five minutes. It heats from both the top and the bottom, slicing cooking times by half. But my model has only one temperature — on — and never really gets hot enough to leave sharp grill marks or caramelize surfaces unless you use a marinade or glaze with a bit of sugar. A larger, 1,500-watt model would do a better job.

It's also a bit of a pain to clean because on most models, the non-stick cooking plates can't be removed. If you eat the machine cool after while you eat dinner, it's difficult later to scrape off the bits of food lodged in the grooves between the ridges. The trick is to reheat the machine for a minute or so to soften any food left behind. Then most of the residue scrapes off easily with the toothed spatula included with the grill, and you can wipe the rest off with a soapy sponge. Removable plates would make the task a snap.

I found the stove-top grill pan simpler to manage and more versatile — as well as easier to store. It takes longer to heat but gets hot enough to sear red meat with a satisfying sizzle. The temperature can be adjusted from very low to blistering hot with a twist of the burner knob.

Buttery filets mignons cooked four minutes a side were juicy and tender with nice charring. An unusual gaucho sauce from Argentina, heady with garlic and dried oregano and sage, gave them character.

Ahi tuna seared with knife-sharp grill marks in a couple of minutes a side. Paired with a lively romesco sauce, a Spanish sauce made with almonds and peppers, it was a gorgeous dish worthy of a good restaurant.

My favorite, though, was the mustard- and herb-seasoned pollo al matrone, or chicken under a brick, cooked in the Italian style and sparkling with lemon juice. Weighted with a grill press, also from Lodge, the chicken breasts stayed moist but developed a deliciously crisp crust.

Some drawbacks

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There are drawbacks to the stove-top grill pan. All that searing and charring generates clouds of smoke that set off sensitive alarms. I quickly learned to turn on our industrial-strength exhaust fan before putting food in the pan.

The cast-iron pan also can be more work to clean because the fats don't drain off as they do with the George Foreman. But hot water and a non-metal scrubbing pad did the trick, even for the burned-on mustard marinade.

Speedy cooking times and intense flavors make the extra effort worthwhile. Until the days get longer and the weather improves, I'll be doing my grilling inside.

FILETS MIGNONS WITH GAUCHO SEASONING

1 clove garlic, minced
Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried sage
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar or white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons boiling water
1 1/2 pounds filet mignon (1 1/4-1 1/2 inches thick for contact grill, 3/4-inch thick for grill pan)

Place garlic, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a small, heat-proof, nonreactive bowl or mortar and mash to a paste with the back of a spoon or a pestle. Add oregano and sage and continue mashing until combined. Add vinegar and whisk to mix. Whisk in the olive oil, followed by the boiling water. Taste of seasoning, adding more salt, pepper and/or vinegar as necessary. The sauce should be highly seasoned.

Season filets with salt and pepper. Cook on a preheated, lightly oiled contact grill or grill pan, 6-10 minutes on the grill, about 4 minutes per side on the grill for medium rare.

Makes 4 servings.
From "Raichlen's Indoor Grilling," by Steven Raichlen (Workman)

SPEEDY SALMON WITH DIJON GLAZE

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 shallot, minced
4 (6-ounce) skinless salmon filets, about 1/4 inch thick

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Whisk together olive oil, soy sauce, mustard and shallot in a small bowl. Transfer half the glaze to another small bowl and set aside to spoon over the cooked salmon.

Preheat contact grill to medium (if your grill has a thermostat) and lightly oil. Season fish on both sides with salt and pepper. Place on the grill and brush with half the glaze. Grill for 2 minutes, brush with re-

maining glaze and grill for about 2 minutes more. To test for doneness, prod an edge of the filet with a fork. The fish should flake but the center will still be a bit rosy.

Serve the salmon either hot from the grill or at room temperature. Drizzle reserved glaze over the filets just before serving.

Makes 4 servings.
From "George Foreman's Indoor Grilling Made Easy," by George Foreman with Kathryn Kellinger (Simon & Schuster).

A NEW CHEESEBURGER

For burgers:
4 ounces sliced bacon
1/2 pound ground beef sirloin or chuck

6 ounces smoked cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
1 clove garlic, minced

Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

4 hamburger buns
Arugula leaves
Ripe tomato slices
Sweet onion slices
Pickled slices

For chipotle mayonnaise:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1-2 canned chipotle peppers, minced, plus 1 tablespoon of their adobo sauce

1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
Place bacon in heavy skillet and cook over medium-high heat until deeply browned and crisp, 8 minutes total. Drain on paper towel and cool.

Crumble bacon into bowl. Add ground beef, cheddar and garlic. Mix with wooden spoon. Wet your hands with cold water and divide meat in 4 portions. Working quickly and with a light touch, pat each into a thick patty. Place on plate lined with plastic wrap and refrigerate, covered, until ready to cook.

Season patties on both sides with salt and pepper. Grill on preheated, lightly oiled contact grill or grill pan, 4-6 minutes per contact grill and 4-6 minutes per side in pan. Patties should feel mostly firm when pressed in center with fingertip.

While burgers are cooking, toast buns if desired. Whisk mayonnaise, chipotles and paprika together in a small bowl. Serve burgers on buns and pass garnishes and mayonnaise.

Makes 4 servings.
From "Raichlen's Indoor Grilling," by Steven Raichlen (Workman)

ARTICHOKE SUNFLOWERS WITH LEMON DIPPING SAUCE

For the sauce:
1 medium lemon
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream

Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground white pepper

For the artichokes:
4 large artichokes with stems attached

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground white pepper

For sauce: Finely grate 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest and place in small non-reactive bowl. Halve lemon and squeeze 2 teaspoons juice into bowl. Whisk in mayonnaise and sour cream. Season with salt and pepper. (Sauce can be prepared several hours ahead and stored, covered, in refrigerator.) Let return to room temperature before serving.

For artichokes: Bring 1 gallon salted water to boil in large pot. Trim artichokes, cutting off top inch and cutting spine tips from remaining leaves. Trim 1/2 inch from stem ends. Rub cut edges of artichokes with the cut side of remaining lemon half.

Place artichokes in pot of boiling water. Place lid or plate slightly smaller than the pot atop artichokes to keep them submerged. Boil until artichokes are just tender, 30-40 minutes. Drain, rinse thoroughly with cold water to cool. Place them, stem up, on rack to drain.

Using grapefruit spoon or melon baller, scrape out inside leaves and fibrous choke at center of each artichoke, leaving outer leaves and heart intact. Place fingers in cavity you've created and gently pry leaves apart to open each artichoke like a flower. Place artichokes, stem up, on work surface and gently press on them to flatten further. Cut stems off flush with bottoms of artichokes. Blot dry with paper towel. (Artichokes may be prepared several hours in advance to this point, covered with plastic wrap and refrigerated.)

Place olive oil, garlic and parsley in small bowl and stir to mix. Generously brush artichokes on all sides with mixture, taking care to dab plenty between leaves. Season with salt and pepper.

Preheat and lightly oil contact grill or grill pan. Arrange artichokes, stem side up, on grill surface and close lid or weight with grill press or heavy skillet. Cook 5-8 minutes on contact grill or 4-6 minutes per side in grill pan. Leaves should be brown and crackling crisp.

Serve on plates, stem side down. Spoon some sauce into center of artichoke and pass more in bowl for dipping.

Makes 4 servings.
From "Raichlen's Indoor Grilling," by Steven Raichlen (Workman)

SHRIMP AND MANGO KEBABS

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup sherry vinegar
2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1 1/2 pounds shelled and deveined medium shrimp
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Taking your deck to the next level this spring

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Turning the backyard into an outdoor living retreat is one of the hottest trends among American homeowners. It makes sense; with lawnmowers, computers and phones in nearly every room of the house, the backyard deck is the final safe haven from life's pressures. Escaping to a quiet corner of the yard provides a necessary respite.

But don't be fooled. Creating a truly relaxing setting takes more than a laid-back approach. There's a lot of work to be done before it will feel like a restful place, and one of the most important tasks is to do some thoughtful planning. Creative thinking will pay off in a big way when your deck turns into a favorite spot for your whole family.

Today's decks are a far cry from the rectangular slabs of yesterday. They serve different purposes than simply sunbathing and grilling, and so they are being designed and built accordingly. In developing your own concept for an outdoor retreat, be sure to consider the following:

Layout

It all begins with knowing the activities you'd like to include on the deck. How much area is

needed to comfortably accommodate every activity? The average size deck is 300 to 400 square feet, and the more activities you add to enjoy the outdoor experience, the larger deck required.

Having those activities in mind can help you divide the deck into different zones — one for the grill, one for the hot tub, one for a sitting area, etc. You may want to consider giving each zone its own level. Levels are a great way to define areas — a few steps up or down gives the allusion you've entered a new space.

Another way to distinguish deck areas is to change the deck board direction; an angle change or unique board pattern provides the subtle indication that you're in a separate deck area.

"Many of my customers are requesting distinctive board designs lately. One of the most requested is an octagon inlay underneath a cedar table," according to Tim Meisch, owner of Custom Cedar Decks in Mill Creek, WA. "It's so unique, people often mistake it for a decorative rug."

Traffic flow affects the usability of your deck. It's all about remembering the practical realities. For example, dining areas require ex-

tra space. Grilling areas should be close to the kitchen so you're not shuttling things back and forth more than necessary. If you want to include a conversation area with a warm fireplace for people to gather, make sure you will have enough room to move around safely and comfortably.

Weather conditions can also impact layout. If you need protection from the beating rays of the sun or protection from the wind, a sheltered spot under a canopy of trees might be sensible. Or, consider building an arbor or roof over the dining area to create more of an indoor feeling and a transition to the outdoor setting.

When choosing a grilling area location, think about the prevailing winds and pick a spot where the smoke blows away from the guests and cook. And try not to isolate the grill, as this is a common gathering area for pre-meal conversations.

Decking materials

One great way to make a seamless transition between the indoors and outdoors is by incorporating a decking material that gives the impression it is an extension of the room inside. This can be done through the right selection of color and material.

While a number of imitation products have hit the market in recent years, all-natural western red cedar remains one of the most widely favored and versatile decking materials. Many people choose western red cedar due to its aesthetic appeal and physical properties. For centuries, cedar has been

known for its exceptional beauty, versatility and longevity. Cedar brings an exceptional all-natural look, aroma and character to outdoor spaces.

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Decorating

Placing some furniture just outside the main deck entrance provides a smooth segue between spaces and invites guests to move freely between the indoors and outdoors. Choose cushioned fabrics to visually tie the interior and exterior together for a cohesive look. Built-in benches add both style and function to your deck. They are a great way to capitalize on longer stretches of decking with unobstructed views. Adding western red cedar planter boxes at select locations can create focal points. You can also add a birdbath to bring another dimension of enjoyment.

With the right planning, you'll be able to create an outdoor paradise that will become a welcome respite from the hectic pace of everyday life. For more information on making your new deck a reality, go to www.realcedar.org.

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After you have bought the new home of your dreams from your builder, you will probably immediately start thinking about personal decorating touches that you can add. When considering these personal touches, don't think just about the interior of the house.

The landscaping around it will also be very important. Trees can affect everything from your heating and cooling bills to your resale value — some surveys have put this increased value in the range of 10 to 15 percent. Trees can produce shade, food, firewood or just a beautiful scene. They can also attract birds and other wildlife.

■ Before planting trees, it is important to choose species that will thrive under local conditions. For instance, in areas with high temperatures and little water, plant trees that are drought tolerant. In areas with high rainfall, try to plant trees that demand large amounts of moisture.

By planting trees that grow naturally in your area, you can be pretty sure they will be successful. Consult a local nursery for suggestions on trees that will thrive where you live.

■ Location on your property is another important consideration. Choose spots with adequate sunlight and water, and make sure the trees are protected from possible pests.

A mesh fence can do much to prevent animals from injuring your saplings. Try to estimate how long the tree will take to become fully grown and what the tree will look like at full size.

■ Trees are most vulnerable in their first years of life and should be tended with special care. Newly planted trees should be watered deeply and on a regular basis. Allowing a hose to drip at the base of a tree for several hours will permit the water to soak deep into the soil and encourage deep rooting. This will give the tree a better chance of surviving drought.

■ Many personal decisions go into tree planting. In areas with hot summers and cold winters it is best to plant deciduous trees. These trees will provide shade in the summer but will allow desired sunlight to pass through in the colder months.

Some trees are better than others for providing a buffer against noise and unwanted views. Also, personal expectations should be considered.



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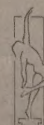
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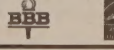
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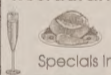
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LAWN MOWERS have come a long way. The newest models do most of the work for you.

Tips for buying the perfect lawn mower

BY MIKE FERRARA, THE LAZY HOMEOWNER

Lazy homeowner types like me are known for not rushing into the decision of buying a new lawn mower. We have grown to accept the fact that the mower in the garage takes forever to get started, is a chore to push around the lawn and spits grass everywhere. This year, I decided it was time for a change.

Lawn mowers certainly have come a long way, offering more features that add value and convenience for homeowners. When it comes time to replace your lawn mower, start the buying process with a plan. After doing a bit of shopping around for a lawn mower for myself, I have developed a few tips to make finding the right mower easier.

Pick a self-propelled model

Push and self-propelled models are the two most common types of lawn mowers. Self-propelled mowers make mowing your lawn effortless, doing all the push work for you. Models are available that self-adjust to your walking speed by applying pressure to the handle. It will put you in control of your mowing speed and help relieve the stress

of pushing around a heavy mower. You just might kick yourself for not getting a self-propelled mower years ago.

Mulching is a must

A mulching mower gives your lawn a "just bagged" look without the work of bagging. It is essential for any new lawn mower purchase. The mulching mower cuts the grass into tiny pieces, then blows them back down into the lawn. It is a healthy option for your lawn, returning vital nutrients to the soil. It also saves you time, eliminating the need to rake the grass clippings. The bottom line is that your lawn will look great with minimal effort.

Durable deck

Not all mower decks are created equal. Mower decks are typically made of two materials, cast-aluminum and steel. You'll find cast-aluminum decks on upscale mowers. They tend to be more durable and are rustproof. Steel decks are typically lighter weight.

Guaranteed to start

No one wants to struggle with pulling the engine cord, trying to get the mower started. A lawn mower that starts the first time, every time, is incredibly important.

Look for a model with an electric start or one that guarantees to start on the first or second pull. Lawn-mower maker Toro offers a "guaranteed to start" engine that promises to start every time on the first or second pull.

Safety first

Always look for a lawn mower with added safety features, especially if you have a family. Search for one that can turn off the blade when you release the bail. Likewise, if you can find a mower that turns the blade off but keeps the engine running for you to remove debris from your mowing path, you're in luck. This feature will save you time.

After hours of research, the Toro Super Recycler Mower fit my needs perfectly. This new line of mowers has a self-propelled drive system called Personal Pace that is easy to use. It has a blade override system that turns the blade off but keeps the engine running. It's also a mulching mower, so my days of stacking bags of grass clippings at the end of the driveway are over. Visit your local outdoor equipment dealer and talk to a salesperson who can help you find just the right mower for you.

Now, all lazy homeowners like me need is someone to actually do the mowing for them.

Illuminating tips lighten up your home

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Changing the lights in your home can immediately impact a room's atmosphere. Something as simple as lighting can dramatically change a room.

In most homes lighting doesn't take top priority. In fact, people commonly under-spend when it comes to lighting. Simple lighting tricks can have a powerful impact on the entire environment. As a result, a little lighting can have a very dramatic effect on a room or a space.

Lighting falls into three basic functions: general lighting, task lighting and feature lighting. The amount of light for a room has more to do with the room's use rather than any other criteria. For example in areas such as kitchens or home offices more task light is needed than a bedroom or a living room would require.

"Lighting can easily have the

most dramatic impact on any environment," says Jeff Zwelling, co-founder of YLighting. "I have learned some great ideas from our best design clients. Here's a few that can help you make your homes and businesses look even better."

1. If you have dark corners, a well-placed floor lamp with a low voltage bulb can help brighten up the space.

2. Be aware of color — incandescent lighting looks great at night, but terrible in the day. Halogen lights create a more natural light effective for both day and night in the home.

3. The light from sconces should be diffused either by glass or paper shades.

4. There are several sources now for amber filament bulbs. When dimmed they feel like candlelight and create the warmest

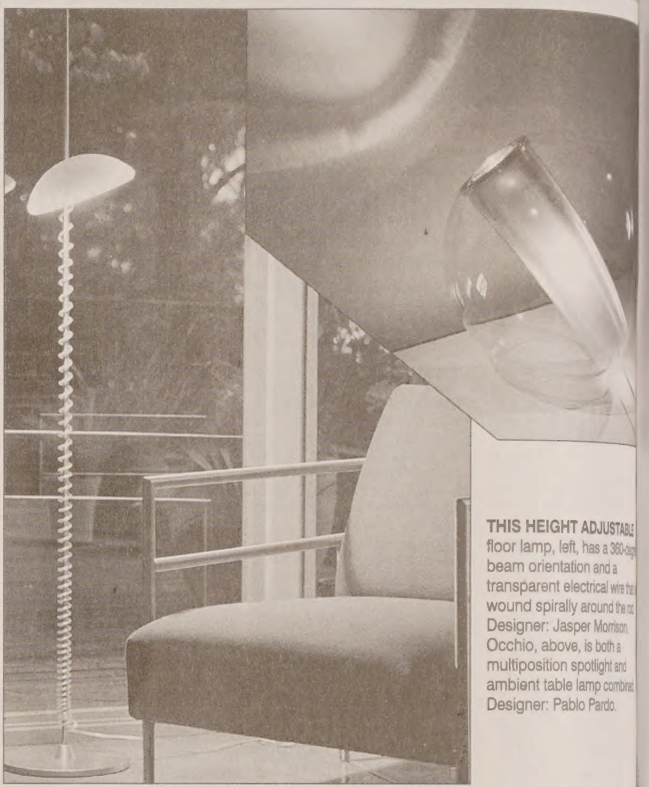
quality of light. They can be used in a floor lamp near a table or in a table lamp near a sofa or chair you look up.

5. Recessed lighting can provide almost any design, accentuating key elements such as artwork, furniture. These are very useful elements to a room.

6. To enhance your home's landscaping, I prefer to use landscape lighting of organic elements such as trees and shrubs. My trick is to light plants outside the side of a dining room window. It really creates a different look at dinner parties.

7. For the bathroom to look reduce glare, opt for frosted glass bulbs, rather than clear models. Avoid fixtures with exposed bulbs.

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